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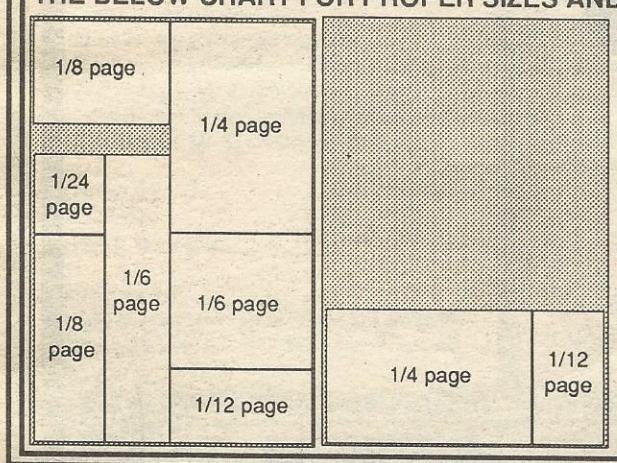

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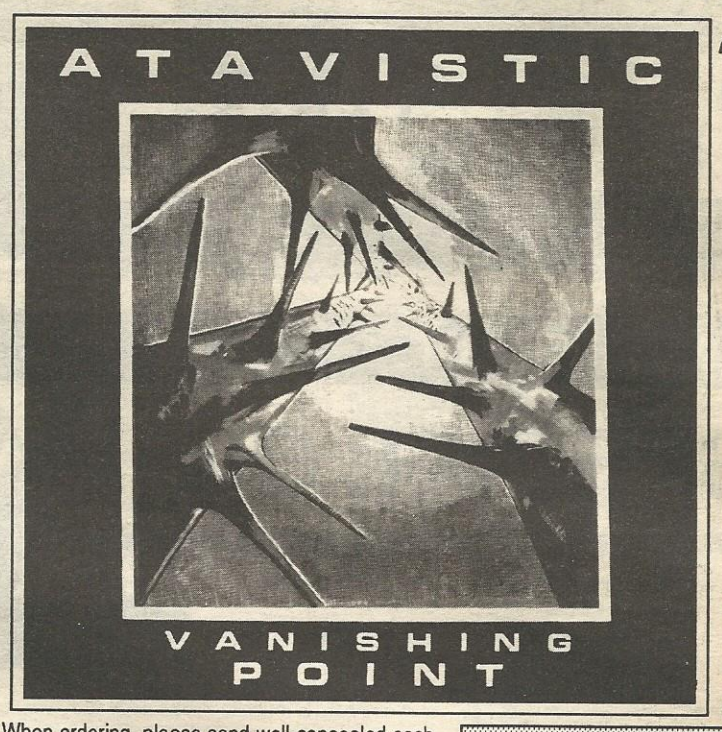

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THE EDIT-TERRORISTS SPEAK...

For those who pay attention to such things... Yes, this issue was one month late. This was due to defective computer disk eating 2/3 of the text for the original Profane Existence #9 only two days before press time. Instead of rushing to re-type everything and put out a less-than-average issue, we decided to cancel the February issue all together, and put out a special anti-Oil War issue and just have it late. We cût out the normal band interviews to make room for extended coverage of the Oil War and resistance thereof. Next issue we will be back on the regular schedule.

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We have not broken even on any issue of Profane Existence to date. This new tabloid format is an effort an effort to cut costs per copy. However, we have faced considerable raises in production cost that we have not as yet figured into our prices. For instance, since we began publishing, we have faced a 45% increase in basic printing cost, massive postal rate increases, and two U.P.S. price increases, not to mention other overhead expenses. The big change will be in ad rates, which have remain unchanged since M.A.S. #7, over two years ago. We are also being forced to raise overseas single issue and subscription rates. The new postal rate increases in this area are extortionate and we cannot afford to lose any more money here. These new rates go in effect immediately. Ads and orders already received will not be turned away, however, and we will accept the loss.

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OK kiddies...here's a new one: the Profane Existence Readers Top 15 listing. Send us a listing of your top ten list of current music that you really dig. We'll then compile those lists into one Top 15 and print it each issue. To help get this section started, the Profane Existence staff has compiled our listing of music for pretty much all of 1990. So what are you waiting for, huh?

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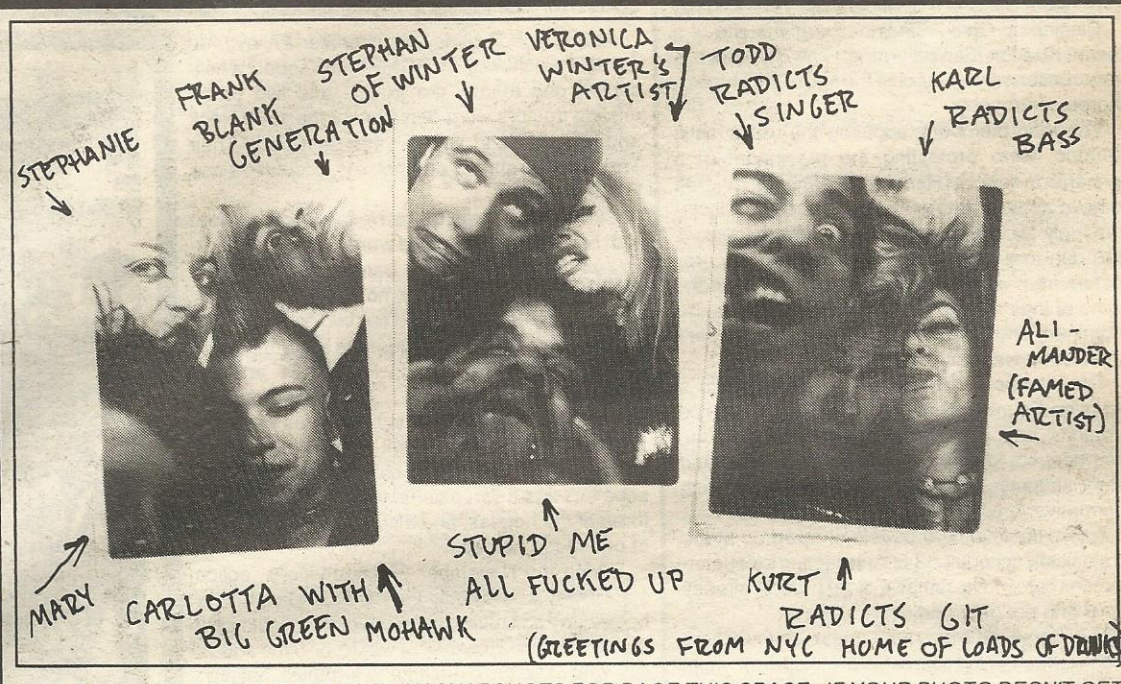

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BRING THE WAR HOME!
FUCK SHIT UP!

Upon learning of the U.S.-initiated air attack on Iraq during the night of January 16, a pre-arranged emergency plan quickly went into effect. The plan involved the staging of a massive legal and peaceful demonstration sponsored by a huge variety of peace groups. As planned, at 4:00 P.M. the following day, we converged at Peavy Plaza in downtown Minneapolis.

When word arrived at our house the events came as a shock, but obviously something we expected for a long time. We knew of the emergency plans and prepared accordingly. All through the night we monitored the events and made preparations for the next day's demonstration. Leaflets were written and printed up en-masse -- definitely not a time to ease up on the war of counter propaganda. We prepared ourselves to spread the message to the poor and working classes that the rich and powerful, from all countries, are the only people who benefit by state-sponsored war.

Opting to bus it downtown in order to avoid using our cars, we found ourselves on a bus almost entirely filled with people going to protest the war - all sorts of people, from anti-racist skinheads to college students to older people. When we reached downtown the bus practically emptied in front of Peavy Plaza and we witnessed an overwhelming sight of literally thousands of people converging around.

What happened for the first hour of the demonstration revolved around speakers from various peace groups and political groups condemn the U.S. strike on Iraq, not to mention the original Iraqi attack. At times loud chants echoed off the buildings surrounding the plaza, but overall it was pretty tame. A very large group masked anarchists, black flags waving in the chilled winter breeze, congregated in one corner of the plaza. This of course alarmed many of the more peaceful-minded demonstrators. At this point police presence was minimal, at least as far as uniforms concern, but the place was crawling with undercovers. At one point several "Peace Nazis" confronted anarchists when they tore an American flag apart in order to make bandanas to use in disguising faces. These people where from the main-stream groups, still brainwashed into authoritarian organizing really had no argument as we made it clear to them they cannot tell us what to do like anyone else.

As the demonstration dragged on and chill set in, several right-wing skinheads arrived toting an American Flag. A small band of counter-demonstrators briefly rallied around the skinheads and verbal exchanges between the groups ensued. It's not too Ironic that the most patriotic Americans would ally with fascists! One counter-demonstrator apparently went out of control and physically attacked someone. He was dealt with and chased away.

After this it seemed to us that the crowd in the plaza had reached a boiling point. Local anarchist groups such as RABL and AWOL had called for a march after the legal demonstration. To our surprise, it seemed as if the entire mass in the plaza listened to this call and we were soon on the move. When the group started moving it became apparent the vastness of the mass assembled. As the groups snaked south on Hennepin Avenue the march completely took over the entire thoroughfare completely blocking traffic. The feelings all around were electric and morale was extremely high. By our guess there were at least 3000 people in the streets, the largest march we've witnessed in Minneapolis.

Loud, spirited chanting marked the march. Over a portable P.A. came the call "What do we want? Troops out! When do we want it? Now!" -- a response from the large anarchist contingent went "What do we want? Revolution! When do we want it? Now!" Rumors of a large police force waiting at the Bascillica sent a chill through the crowd. This lasted only moments as the entire marched made an unexpected turn and completely bypassed the area.

We ran ahead in order to get on top of the Loring Park foot bridge to drop what remaining leaflets we had not already passed out onto the marchers as they passed below. When we reached the top of the bridge we found ourselves joined by members of RABL who were lowering an enormous banner from the bridge. From this point we could see the full extent of the march, snaking back for over 5 blocks! By the time we ran out of leaflets we found ourselves alone one the bridge except for a mass of reporters and photographers: Oh shit, time to bail!

Down on the ground the front of the march had reached the massive intersection where Hennepin Avenue joins with Lyndale Avenue in front of the Walker Arts Center. The march stopped here and after 15 minutes the tail end caught up and a huge rally took place blocking the entire thoroughfare. More speakers, chanting and a few burning flags. Police kept their distance but the patriotic boneheads returned boasting they tore down the huge RABL banner on the bridge. During chants of "Nazi go home!" a scuffle broke out. The fascist skinheads were dealt street justice on a severe level to the shock of many of the more peaceful demonstrators. Perhaps this could be their first realization that some people will take initiative to smash fascism wherever it exists. While perhaps this was not the time and place for such a confrontation, but seeing them fleeing and beaten put a smile on many of our faces.

At this point the march continued to snake south towards Uptown. Momentum was kept up and morale was still high. Part of our group stopped at the local store for refreshments. Nothing gets the blood moving faster on a cold day than a healthy dose of Jolt cola! In the shop the anti-war marchers were greeted with a lot of enthusiasm, something that seemed to hold true throughout, judging by the response of by-standers along the way. Up until this point property damage was kept to a minimum. An unspoken agreement was had that this sort of activity would alienate people more than anything. At least until we passed an Amoco Standard station where unauthorized alterations were made to the property!

When we finally reached Uptown our the spirit and intensity of the chants reached a crescendo. As familiar with past anti-war demonstrations in Uptown, barricades of dumpsters were swiftly erected to ward of police attack, weary from past experience of police brutality. The Uptown intersection of Hennepin Avenue and Lake Street was completely blocked off and the usual (Y)Uptown shopping was disrupted.

At this point we heard from radio news reports that Iraq had escalated the war by bombing Israeli cities. We sat momentarily in stunned silence. Then more speakers. With this sudden change in events a feeling of re-newed vigor raced through the crowd. A fire now raged in one of the dumpster barricades and chanting, accompanied by a chorus of improvised percussion instruments of all kinds. It was obvious that the police were going to give us this demonstration, keeping a distance and doing little more than diverting traffic. In fact they helped us more than anything disrupting the normal business of the city.

It was decided at this point the march was headed back downtown where it would break-up. We decided this was a good time to head out of the area. Using back streets and staying in a group for safety, we headed back to the house where we regrouped, discussed the days events and planned for another demonstration taking place the following day.

As we see it there is definitely a strong anti-war feeling already in this country. However, it will be a long struggle before the poor and working classes can truly free themselves from the events imposed upon us by those in power, wherever they are.

-- The Fuck-Shit-Up Posse

BRING THE WAR HOME

Throughout history, time and time again, our leaders have led us into battles like sheep to slaughter. Yesterday's escalation in the Persian Gulf is just the latest reminder of what our position in society is. Do we make these fateful decisions? No! Under the constitution we live under we are fooled into believing that we have a say in the policies of our government. In reality, the government is just another tool, another sham of credibility, to allow the rich and powerful to continually control and ultimately destroy our lives.

Obviously our cries for a peaceful solution have gone unheard, as they have all times before. Of course we couldn't have seriously expected the United Nations to resolve the Persian Gulf in any other way but war. After all, the U.N. is nothing other than a club for the rich and powerful, a forum where fortunes of wealth and power are balanced. As all wars, this is an economic one, but not about 'cheap gas' but profit margins and control of resources. No matter which way you slice it those on top are the real beneficiaries, while the poor and working class bear the real brunt.

So what can we do? In our system of class inequality, the only real solution is a class war (they've been doing it to us forever - why not fight back?). In order for poor and working class to free themselves from the rich, the government and their wars is to rise up and do away with them altogether. From George Bush to Saddam Hussein, the oppressor is the same all over the world.

The time of peaceful protest will find it's place in history - **now's the time to stand up and resist!**

NO WAR BUT THE CLASS WAR!

NEWS IN BRIEF...

SMASH THE KLAN - SCUM OF THE LAND!

Cincinnati, Ohio - Cincinnati was the site of a recent Ku Klux Klan gathering. The city, which is very conservative, was also the site of the Mapplethorpe controversy.

The Klan members, spouting the usual racist rhetoric, were protesting the placement of a menorah in honor of Hanukkah. Although runored to have approximately 30-40 members in Cincinnati, only twelve Klan members were present, in part due to a city ordinance prohibiting the protestors from wearing their hoods. Undoubtedly, some of their members believe themselves to be prominent and respectable community members and did not want to be recognized.

The intention of the gathering was to burn a cross on Fountain Square, but as city ordinance prohibits any public display of fire, the Klan members could only hold the ten foot cross and chant slogans, such as "Fight Racism, Abolish Affirmative Action."

Approximately 1500 people showed up at the strategically scheduled 8:30am meeting to counter-demonstrate. Cincinnati's finest were already there with riot gear and horse patrols.

The horse patrols spent most of their time pushing through the counter-protestors in attempts to disperse groups to avoid violent outbursts. The air was already tense, and the counter-protestors seemed ready to fight both the Klan and the police.

The protestors remained relatively tame, however, armed mainly with slogans such as "Cops and Klan Go Hand In Hand," and some canned goods, which a few brave individuals put to use by aiming at Klan skulls. The police were using their usual tactics, including videotaping the crowd for use as evidence for possible charges.

The gathering, which lasted only 40 minutes, also included a few Klan speeches, which were not audible over the crowd noise. Seven people were arrested for reasons ranging from pelting the Klan with canned fruit and rocks to recording the license number of the Klan getaway car.

As the Klan were leaving, several people in the crowd pursued them in an attempt to "reason with them" (undoubtably with their fists), but met with police resistance, complete with mace.

From Love And Rage

Anarchist Charged in Athens Explosion

Athens, Greece-One Greek anarchist has been arrested following an explosion which caused him to lose his left eye and hand. Kiriakos Mazokopos was taken into custody by security guards on November 8 when he checked into an Athens hospital with serious injuries. Police later charged him with possessing, transporting and using guns and explosives, and for a bombing and assassination caried out by the group, Revolutionary Solidarity.

A raid on a store rented by Kiriakos found guns and explosives. Kiriakos in the inquiry that followed, defended his tactics and the social struggles they grew out of: "My principles were formed within a social movement which since the fall of the dictatoship (and always in proportion with the priorities which authority sets) is standing against authority's activities."

"That movement is at this time the only voice of resistance and protest in Greece against a 'new liberalism' and totalitarianism which threatens to predominate all over the world."

Anarchists in Greece, under the Initiative of Anarchist Solidarity, are organizing for his defense. They can be reached at I.A.S. / P.O. Box 30658 / Athens, 10033 / Greece.

ANTI-FASCIST MURDERED

An Anti-fascist skinhead was stabbed to death by two Nazi boneheads on New Year's Eve in Göttingen, West Germany. despite it's relatively small size, the city seems to have become one of the centers for violent confrontations of autonomists with either fascist scum or the cops. a demonstration against Neo-Nazi activity was held on the following Saturday, attended by about 5000 people, amongst them about 500 masked militants.

CLASS WAR HITS JAPAN!

The crowning ceremony of the new Japanese Emperor Akhito was accompanied by a vast number of militant actions in protest of the multi-million dollar spectacle. Even though 40,000 cops were on duty in Tokyo, there were several bomb attacks on shrines and other religious objects which are linked to the Emperor. The climax of resistance, which was especially supported by radical leftists, was the bombing of a police station in which one cop died and also a demonstration that was by 2000 people right at the ceremonial site.

Also, the Minister of Labor of Japan was recently killed when he was stabbed by a "psychologically unstable" person, who said that he wanted to kill a member of parliament, no matter who it was

VANCOUVER SQUATS SQUASHED

POLICE SMASH THROUGH BARRICADES IN PARAMILITARY-STYLE RAID

At 9 AM on Tuesday, Noveember 27, over 80 riot police including the RCMP bomb squad, a helicopter, dog teams, fire trucks, and two earth-moving tractors were deployed at the 1600 block and Francis St. in Vancouver's East-End. Their Targets were six squatter houses, occupied since February 1990.

Surrounding three of the houses were six-foot high barricades, and inside were a group of squatters who had erected the barricades against an expected eviction of their homes. A Supreme Court order for eviction had passed on November 23, and on that day also squatters and supporters had erected barricades on Francis St. and the alley behind the houses. After five hours of negotiations with police, the barricades were dismantled with an agreement there would be no police action until November 26. On that day, squatters again set up barricades, this time around three of the houses, and also securing the inside of one of the homes.

During the November 23 negotiations, police stated they would notify the media and squatters before any police action, and would indicate how they would act. However, it wasn't only the squatters who used the extra time to organize, but also the police. The massive paramilitary action, with an arsenal of automatic weapons and tear gas, was put into effect with the pretext, fabricated by the police, that a "new criminal element" now armed with 3 shotguns and 2 handguns, had moved into into the squats. The fabrication included "reliable sources" and an alleged "ex-squatter" who saw the weapons. The very existence of such a person cannot even be verified and suspect at best. Police statements, faithfully reproduced by the media, were clearly part of a constructed counter-insurgency program that aimed to isolate and criminalize the squatters:

"It's not a social housing or a squatting issue anymore... We are now faced with a group of criminals who have stockpiled weapons in a house. We have received reliable information that the original group has been taken over by people who could care less about social housing. They have expressed a desire to kill a policeman" Police spokesman cosnt. Bob Cooper).

In fact, no firearms have been found despite extensive police searches. It's difficult to find material that doesn't exist! The most police can produce are canisters of gasoline (used to ignite fires, plainly carried on November 23), buckets of rocks, lightbulbs filled with paint, and some molotov cocktails. Hardly justification for the ERT assault and snipers on rooftops. The people behind the barricades had not changed, but police had to clearly justify their own drastic shift in tactics from November 23 to 27. Adding to the "militant criminal anarchist" angle, members of the bomb squad were called in, in case of "booby traps", and houses in a two-block radius were evacuated.

As people gathered around the police perimeter, targeted individuals were arrested or allowed to cross police line and then arrested. during the 7-hour siege several hundred people gathered around the area, most supporting the squatters and chanting "Troops out of East Van" and "Housing is a right", and yelling warnings to squatters whenever the ERT moved toward them.

Eventually police lines advanced towards the barricades with heavy machinery and arresting eight people. Four other squatters withdrew into the barricaded house, which police demolished again using heavy machinery. After this assault, the four remaining squatters emerged waving fists and maintaining their defiance in the face of cops armed with automatic rifles pointing at them.

In total, 27 people were arrested. Many were subjected to physical assaults during their capture, and while in custody. By November 29, all had been released; 12 charged with mischief and obstruction of justice, the remainder have not been charged at all. Prisoners were told the investigation was "ongoing" and further charges could be laid. While in custody, prisoners were shown surveillance photos - for no other reason than to indicate police "knew everything" and to intimidate the prisoners. Of course, the police themselves didn't need to go too far for photographs and videotapes, as journalists not only reprinted the inuendo put forward by the cops, but clearly acted as intelligence gatherers for them.

The days following the paramilitary assault saw a liberal out-pouring from tenants rights groups, community "leaders", as well as trade unionists denouncing the extent of the police operation and demanding an inquiry. Even "progressive" members of the Vancouver city council participated in this "attack on police", whilst also collaborating unanimously to declare the evicted houses a "public nuisance" and passing a special demolition permit. With this, the houses were demolished on November 29 despite the fact that some of the squatters still had possessions in the houses, and despite the fact that some of the houses were still liveable. In fact, only two of the six houses had received heavy damage. One of the main demands by the squatters all along had been to occupy the houses until demolition day, which the developer, Ning Yee, didn't even have until the city council, including the "progressives" COPE, unanimously gave it to him. A few squatters who had stored their belongings in a comrades bus, which was raided by police, found money and other items missing.

Police Repression Builds Our Resistance

It was important that the police action of November 27 did not intimidate the growing resistance in Vancouver - that people did not retreat back into the safety of their houses, or friends houses. So on November 29, a strong, angry protest was held. Gathering at Grandview park in the East-End, well over 100 people marched to the 1600-block Francis, where some squatters made speeches on their determination to fight on and continue squatting. From here the demo proceeded towards the downtown area, blocking traffic, with a banner in front which read "Police Repression Builds Our Resistance". On the route, an agitated driver tried to drive through the demo, nearly injuring a comrade, and was quickly set upon, escaping with a few dents. The second stop for the demo was the main target of peoples' rage: the Vancouver Police Department station. The main entrance was blocked and police inside, clearly intimidated, locked the doors and called more officers. A police car outside was attacked but because of no preparation beforehand, people lacked the necessary tools to do real damage such as paint, iron bars, etc. Before the cops could organize or call in more officers, the demo moved down through the tourist/trendy Gastown area. Here people became bolder, and some began knocking over postal and newspaper boxes-but again any higher levels of property damage were stopped by lack of preparation. The protest then moved up to Hastings, and prior to reaching Gainsville St., 8-10 motorcycle cops arrived and attempted to cordon off the demo, bumping into people at the rear and hitting others who got in their way along the side of the demo. here, the demonstrators, now numbering between 30-40, became more organized, linking arms and not allowing cops to stop the demo or intimidate them. The determination of the demonstrators, to continue the demo to a point they had decided it would end, and not to allow the police to send them back on the "legal" domain of the sidewalk, was an important and empowering process. also important was the minor property damage/disturbances that developed - a militancy that gave direction to peoples' anger, even if only in a small way. Although a handful of pacifists tried to control this aspect of peoples' actions, the demo itself was strong and relatively coherent. It was mobile to avoid police build-up, many people were masked, and had preparations been made beforehand, many actions against the police and financial targets could have occurred. Most of all, it was needed - to regain some power and strength after the police assault on November 27.

Conclusion

With their overt repression the police hoped to break people down, to tap growing radicalization amongst the squatters. But instead, the opposite has occurred, repression has radicalized people even more. the experiences at the hands of the police, the discussions in jail, the surveillance the police openly displayed, the fabrication used to militarily attack the squats, has in many ways contributed to a process the police hoped to curtail. There is also a continuing harassment of people, including blatant police presence around peoples' homes, and the very real threat of police raids as police continue their "search" for weapons. In fact, one house was raided in conjunction of the police assault on November 27 under pretext the person, a relative of one of those arrested, was a "weapons dealer".

The parallels to the confrontation in Oka have not been missed; the extreme offensive launched by the state; criminalization of resistance, and the counterinsurgency techniques, have all occurred in a common pattern. It's clear that the Native struggle for sovereignty and the struggle for autonomy and self-determination manifested in the occupation of empty housing, present a threat to the state. Because when people struggle collectively, they gain power and develop possibilities to fight back. **Direct your anger!**

- The "Criminal Element", Vancouver, 1990

MORE SQUAT NEWS

Cologne, Germany

On the 13th of December, one of the largest squats in Cologne, Weisshausstrasse, was evacuated and killed. Squatters unsuccessfully tried to defend the squat but after brief resistance, the police tore down barricades erected by squatters and took control of the building. The police action came after a lengthy face-off between riot cops and squatters who played drums and chanted behind their barricades.

Earlier, in October, the company that had bought the land had come in the early morning hours and knocked down a large wall that was part of the squat, which caved in on a large bus which usually housed a number of people. "Fortunately", the occupants were at the time preparing for their big community breakfast and nobody was in the bus or they may have been seriously hurt.

Weisshausstrasse, a former factory, served as an anarchist center for Cologne and provided space for concerts, theater, etc. Squatting in Germany, as elsewhere in Europe, is undergoing a life or death struggle as the European Community heads towards unity in 1992. The second largest squat in Cologne, Mauritiuswall 16, was scheduled for eviction on January 3, but we have not heard reports of this taking place.

Hamburg, Germany

A court ruling in Hamburg has given the authorities the necessary jurisdiction to evict the squats at Haffenstraße, in Hamburg. The could be an eviction any day after city contracts were canceled because "it's proven that inhabitants of Haffenstraße threw bags of urine on a guy that walked by"!! A very likely attempt to evict in the future will most likely be met by massive resistance as a lot of people from all over Europe will travel to support the struggle to keep the houses.

Bronx, New York City

On January 29, over 200 police officers evicted squatters from a city owned building in the South Bronx. Squatters all over New York City are facing renewed attack under new city plans for crackdowns. Outside of the Lower East Side of Manhattan, buildings are squatted out of pure necessity and are not generally politically motivated, although squatters all over the city are unified in the need for low/no-income housing.

Cuneo, Italy

The evicted squat "Kerosene" was walled up on November 27. At a demonstration followed at the city council, where eggs and vegetables were thrown at the politicians who ordered the eviction. "The fight for premises for youth to meet outside interference of money, political parties, and drugs will continue" read one account.

One of the best news resources for squat information, etc. is THE SHADOW newspaper (P.O. Box 20298 / New York, NY 10009 / $2 ppd.)

MORE ON BERLIN AND HAMBURG NEXT ISSUE

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL CONDEMNS AMERICA FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION AT HOME

U.S. HOLDS OVER 150 POLITICAL PRISONERS

The International Tribunal on Human Rights Violations of Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War in the United States was convened from December 7-10 in New York. the Tribunal attracted more than 900 people from around the world to hear former political prisoners and prisoners of war, their families, supporters and"experts" on human rights testify before an international panel of journalists. This report was reprinted from Ecomedia Toronto.

Testimonials were given by Assata Shakur (from Cuba, via videotape) of the Black Liberation Army, Dhoruba Bin-Wahad of the black Panther Party, Rob Robideau of the American Indian Movement, Pat Gros-Levasseur, accused of being a member of United Freedom Front, Alberta Africa of the MOVE Organization, and others.

The Tribunal was organized, sponsored and endorsed by groups from the New Afrikan, Puerto Rican, Native, women's, lesbian and gay, religious, anti-imperialists and anti-authoritarian communities. It was a step in building a movement for human rights, recognition of status, and above all, amnesty for political prisoners (p.p.s)/p.o.w.'s held by the U.S. government. More significantly, the Tribunal was the final step, following the gathering of evidence of U.S. policies of Genocide, denial of self-determination, and violations of human rights, before presenting a case to the World Court at Geneva in an attempt to bring international recognition to the crimes carried out by the U.S. government against dissident movements within it's border.

While there are 150 p.p.s and p.o.w. in the United States, the U.S. government denies their existence. The U.S., along with Canada, is one of the few governments in the world to deny they imprison people on the grounds of their political beliefs and actions. By denying "Political Prisoner" and Prisoner of War" status to such prisoners, the U.s. state uses an extremely effective method of counter-insurgency in the form of criminalization: essentially isolating these prisoners from a popular base of support by labeling them as "terrorists". Criminalization of militant protest is used elsewhere by governments, an example being Britain's denial that captured Irish Republican Army combatants are political prisoners.

The p.p.s and p.o.w.s held by the U.S. represent a variety of movements and cultures, but many share the commonality of having gone beyond the realm of "legal" protest in the course of their fight. Many were thus targeted or framed by the F.B.I. through various counterinsurgency programs, the most notorious being COINTELPRO (Counter Intelligence Program, a low-intensity-conflict operation waged by the F.B.I. mostly against the Black and Native liberation movements). Others were captured in the process of liberating comrades from prison, robbing finance their activities defending themselves against police, or bombing symbols of oppression. Still more were captured while in clandestinity.

Once captured, p.p.s and p.o.w.s face brutal prison conditions and solitary confinement, restricted rights to legal defense and excessively lengthy sentences - all a direct result of the political objectives of their acts.

Over three days, the Tribunal heard extensive evidence and testimony supporting the case against the U.S. government, which will be brought before the World Court in March of 1991. the case will be presented to the United Nations in the context of an amnesty campaign mounted by the Freedom Now! organization (who helped organize the Tribunal).

The petitioners in the case include 92 political prisoners and prisoners of war, and several hundred political, religious and community organizations and high-profile individuals. Charges are being brought against the government of the United States, the president, the attorney general, the F.B.I., the C.I.A., the Bureau of Prisons, the Federal Parole board and the equivalent state bodies.

The petitioners in the case were asking jurists and Tribunal to affirm that there are in fact political prisoners and prisoners of war held in U.S. jails, incarcerated for their opposition to the policies of the U.S. government and/or their involvement in movements for national liberation; and to find the U.S. guilty of violation of international law on the following counts.

1.) Denial of the right of Native American, African-American, Puerto Rican and Mexicano peoples to self-determination; 2.) Criminalization of Euro-Americans for behavior protected under international law as embodied by the Nuremburg principles; 3.) Genocide against Native American, African American, Mexicano and Puerto Rican peoples; 4.) Deprivation of fundamental human rights with respect to trial, detention and incarceration of political prisoners; and 5.) Cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment of political prisoners.

When the case is brought to trial before the World Court, petitioners will ask the United Nations not only to find the U.S. guilty of these crimes under international law, but also to declare the convictions of the petitioners null and void, to compel the U.S. government to release the prisoners, grant them full compensation for their wrongful imprisonment and enable them to go to any country willing to accept them.

International law recognizes the right of nations to take up arms in defense against invasion or occupation force. The United States is a colonial nation, confining within it not only the indigenous nations but also the New Afrikan, Puerto Rican and Mexican nations. Therefore it is primarily those groups working for national liberation from the United States occupation, who are held as political prisoners and prisoners of war today.

The case against the United States government, as put forth by the Tribunal, reaffirms the "inherent right of colonial people to struggle by all necessary means at their disposal against colonial powers which suppress their aspiration for freedom and independence" as protected by international law in the United Nations charter.

The Tribunal was significant as the first extensive public documentation of the scale and scope of domestic political repression on the part of the U.S. government. The Tribunal hearings powerfully revealed the fundamental hypocrisy of U.S. foreign policy as it is propagated at home. Testimony illustrating the systematic and institutionalized repression of organizations, movements, and their leaders working within the confines of the U.S. borders is bound to shatter international and domestic perceptions of America as the bastion of freedom and human rights.

But the Tribunal was more than a formal proceeding legitimizing the case being brought before the United Nations'World Court. It represents the consolidation of disparate radical and revolutionary forces on the left in North America. These sectors are coming together through building support for all our imprisoned comrades. amongst them, there is a common articulation of an approach, strategy and level of domestic resistance which the U.S. has tried to silence and destroy through criminalization, terror and the taking of political prisoners.

Support for political prisoners emanating from national liberation movements and revolutionary struggles at home is an act of defiance in itself. In that sense the Tribunal was public reclamation of a terrain of struggle and a reclamation as our own of the individuals who have suffered greatly the consequences of directly engaging the American machine - who have been labeled terrorist, who have been left to rot, go crazy or to die in prison.

Finally, the testimony presented at the Tribunal was a potent reminder of the lengths to which the U.S. government, as any, is willing to go to keep itself in power. It showed clearly that we must bear this in mind as we organize, and began to build effective mechanism to defend our movements. Domestic counterinsurgency has happened before and it will happen again. Now we must be prepared to fight it.

(The jurists' findings from the Tribunal have not yet been received. We will publish the results when they come in)

LOGGING EQUIPMENT DESTROYED

LUBICONS FACE TRIAL

Thirteen Lubicon Nations members have been charged following the destruction of Buchanan Lumber's logging equipment in their traditional area (see last issue). Buchanan has begun logging on unceded Lubicon lands in Northern Alberta despite assurances from the 500-member Cree nation that all developments not authorized by the rightful owners of the land would be dismantled. Buchanan's equipment was torched and tires slashed several weeks ago.

The Lubicon Nation has been fighting for over 50 years for legal rights to their traditional territories. Oil development has destroyed their traditional hunting and trapping economy and forced 95% of the community onto welfare.

During the previous week, the RCMP took in 18 Nation members for questioning, charging them with mischief, holding them incommunicado and then not pressing charges after hours of questioning. Members were told they would bear the brunt of the whole thing unless they cooperate. One young man was assaulted while in custody.

On December 12, charges of arson, mischief, possession of explosives, and disguise with intent were laid against 13 Lubicons. They were scheduled to appear in court on January 7 and 14, 1991. The Lubicons' position is that the province has no jurisdiction on sovereign Lubicon lands and therefore the Nation members are not subject to Canadian courts. Several years ago charges were dropped against a Lubicon duck hunter who was hunting without a provincial license when he asked the court to prove they had jurisdiction on Lubicon lands. How the Alberta government hopes to prove its jurisdiction over unceded Native lands this time around is still a mystery.

SOVEREIGNTY IN THE COURTROOM

Twelve of the Lubicon Nation members stayed mute throughout the proceedings in Alberta's courts when summoned on charges laid against them on December 12. Their lawyer explained to the court that the Lubicon Lake Indian Nation was never conquered and is therefore not subject to Canadian jurisdiction.

The "sovereignty defense" is becoming more sommon these days as Mohawks, Lubicons and other first nations face criminal charges in Canadian courts for defending their traditional lands. The thirteen Lubicons were told that their silence in court is being considered a 'not guilty' plea, and are to face a judge and jury starting with preliminary hearings on April 29. The Lubicons maintain that as a sovereign nation only their jurisdiction applies to the 10,000 square kilometers that constitutes their traditional territory in Northern Alberta. That's why Buchanan Lumber, who were operating without a Lubicon permit, were warned and 'subject to removal'.

The focus is now on the federal and provincial governments, whose line has always been that "the law has to be applied equally to all Canadians", to prove just how sovereign people came to be considered "Canadians" in the first place, and to explain how their enforcement of Canadian policy in sovereign Native territories is anything less than an act of war, and those imprisoned because of it aren't anything less than prisoners of war.

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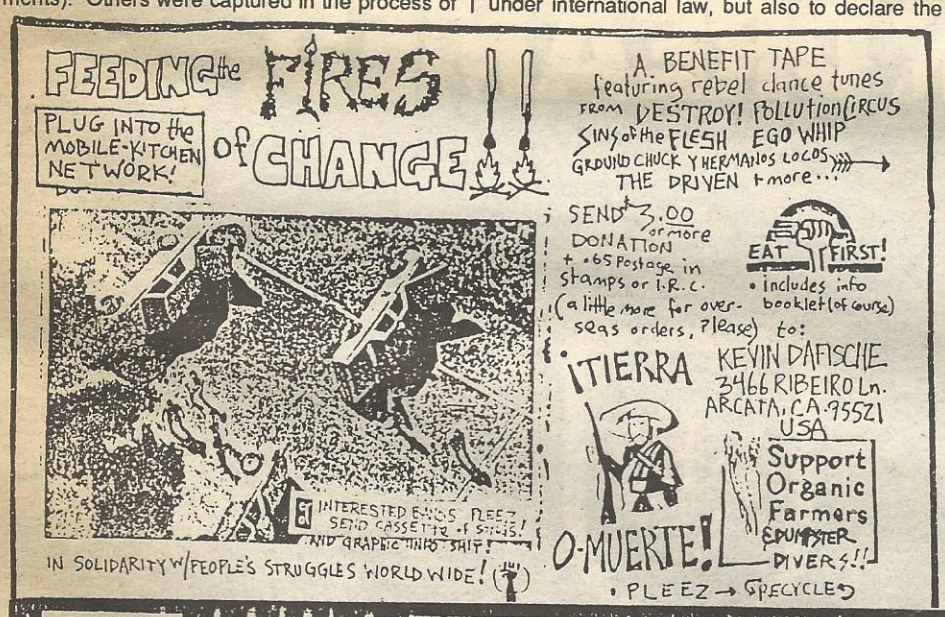

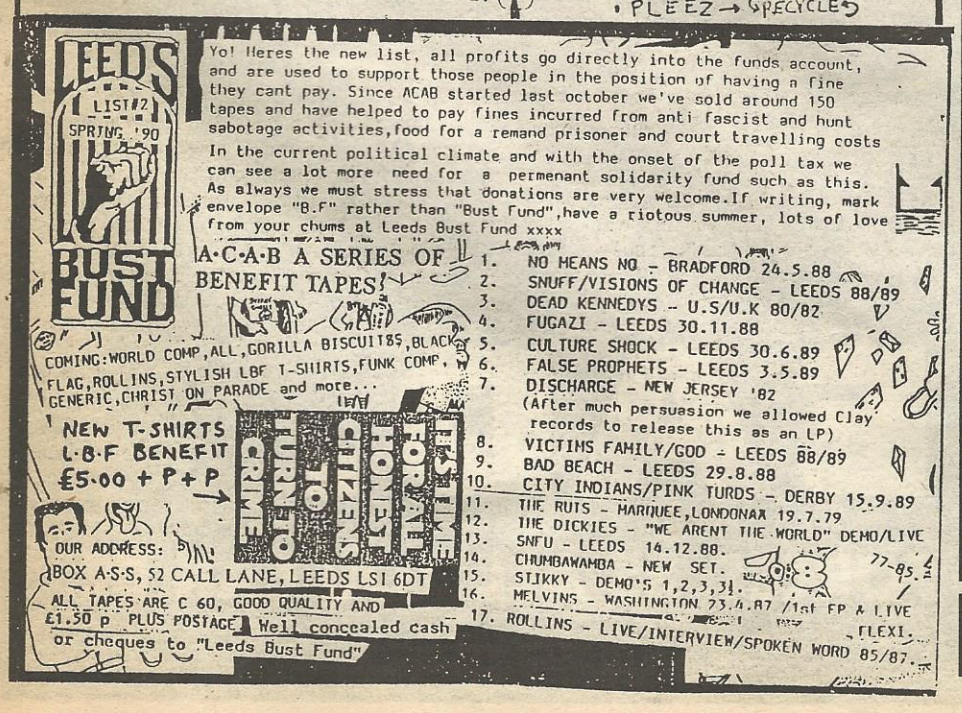

IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE NEWS GO OUT AND MAKE IT...

Hoax flyer says military draft begun

By Michael Olenick
Staff Reporter

"We're not connected with the Selective Service."
No one has claimed responsibility for the flyer.
The poster lists two telephone numbers

Fake draft notices posted around Minneapolis

Fake draft notices were posted Monday in some areas of Minneapolis, prompting hundreds of people to call numbers listed on them.

The official-looking notices bore a reproduction of the Selective Service seal and headlines saying "Emergency call-up" and "Notice of draft enactment." They said men born between Jan. 31, 1965, and Jan. 30, 1973, were to report for induction and gave numbers to call for more information. One number was the Star Tribune city desk, the other a

sort," said Ronald Meilstrup, deputy director of Selective Service Region 3

Flyer *from 1*

"Congressman Vento's is that this was a cruel innocent citizens," said Hope, from Vento's Wa office.

Hope said the Federal Investigation was also lo the flyer.

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EMERGENCY CALL-UP

NOTICE OF DRAFT ENACTMENT

Upon invocation of the President's Proclamation of Draft Enactment and under Congressional authority, the Military Selective Service Act has been initiated as of January 30, 1991.

As in such times of national need, all male United States citizens born between January 30, 1973 and January 31, 1965 are required to report for potential enlistment into Military Service. The Draft Enactment in itself does not in itself necessarily mean immediate enlistment.

However, under this enactment, according to the Selective Service Act, you are required by law to report for further instructions on Draft Enactment procedures. In the Twin Cities area you are required to report with **Registration Acknowledgement SSS Form 3B** to the Old Federal Building, Room 209, 110 South 4th St., Minneapolis during the week of **February 4 through February 8** according to the following schedule:

Date of Birth	Reporting Times
January 30, 1973 to January 31, 1971	0600 hrs to 0900 hrs
January 30, 1971 to January 31, 1969	0900 hrs to 1200 hrs
January 30, 1969 to January 31, 1967	1200 hrs to 1500 hrs
January 30, 1967 to January 31, 1965	1500 hrs to 1800 hrs

If you are unable to report during these times you must call **(612) 673-4414** or **(612) 222-8727**, by February 8, 1991, to make alternative arrangements.

If you feel that you are ineligible for Military Service under Draft Enactment bring all supporting documentation. You will be at this time given a deferment for later review.

NOTICE: All eligible male U.S. citizens are required by law under Military Selective Service Act, Section 6, 50 U.S.C. App. 589 to report at these times. Failure to comply and subsequent conviction of such a violation may result in imprisonment not longer than five years or a fine of not more than $250,000 or both imprisonment and fine.

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WE DON'T CARE IF OUR POLITICS OFFEND YOU..

HYZENTHLAY

"....she was not alone in being trapped. We were all trapped with her. If the natural patterns of her life had been disrupted, then so had ours. An awesome mystery had intruded into the closely circumscribed order of our lives, one that we terrestrial bipeds could not fathom, and one, therefore, that we would react against with fear, violence, and hatred. This impenetrable secret, which had become the core of our existence in this place, was a mirror in which we saw our own distempered faces, and they were ugly." -FARLEY MOWAT

As the world spins on, and we continue to live our lives with complacency, I can feel nothing less than contempt for the disregard of life on this planet by the rich, white, christian, male, "elite" who are so violently fucking this world; OUR world, from the security of their ivory towers which now drip blood. This "aggression" in the Middle East further exemplifies the rape of the Earth and her people (hmmm...I don't recall them calling it "aggression" when Thatcher invaded the Falklands,etc!!). "No trust, no concessions; I'll pull out if you pull out" (Bush). We're getting fucked at all ends.

While the media repetitiously and subliminally seduces us with its misinformation, we still have to refuse to sit back and take it with a pinch of salt. Their goal is increasingly becoming "out of sight, out of mind." With each injection of what once was painful to digest; the people in this country of sheep are falling numb to the drug called associate media. This is what they WANT! They are laying us on our backs and seducing us into submission. Controlled by men (regardless of the wimin "involved" or "well intentioned" men) they would have us kept ignorant about the facts and events in the Middle East just as they keep us ignorant in the myths about our own bodies. Knowledge is power, and power is a threat!

Obviously, I am about to make an analogy of, not only the use of media seduction versus male to female seduction; but mainly the analogy of the rape of a womin vs. the symbolic rape of the feminine figure which sustains all life: Mother Earth.

It's easy for us to remove ourselves from something that is so far away. Be it in measured distance (war) or be it something that happened right in our alleyway but did not affect our lives directly (rape). Turning off the news, obviously, does not make the problem go away (And to change the channel is only to risk facing an old war flick anyway, but most people can't equate this with reality because even if John Wayne or Tom Cruise dies we know we'll see him in the upcoming movie next month!), yet even I find myself doing this as the pain and anger thresholds reach their peak. Some people will carry this even further into a state of denial, also as in the case of rape. They will look towards any available scapegoat to blame and justify the means of attack. First it will be said that the person is "mad". In this case, the mad person, the person of termed "hysteria" is Saddam Hussein; termed so just as in 19th century Victorian history of wimin, however I'm afraid their is no feasibility in a clidorodectomy to "cure" or to suppress this "hysteria!" The second argument to follow is that he / she must have provoked or deserved it. Is this to say he batted his eyelashes and jiggled his (sins of the) flesh at the oilfields of Kuwait? Perhaps one day he'll even be accused of "liking" it (the war). So far he's liked it so much he's dumped countless hundreds of thousands of gallons of crude oil into the Persian Gulf, but then, who's to say that Hussein was personally responsible for this barbarous act? There is no way to trust either "side," but could this accusation be a mere act of cover up to maintain credibility for the title of world leader; world dominator (world rapist) by our media? "Believe me/us." "Trust me/us.". This is seduction.

Men have always tried to find ways to conquer nature just as he has wimin. By doing so he, ultimately, will find that he is destroying himself. They have just shown us that if they can't get each other with their phallic bombs, they'll look towards their stockpiles of the past; bloodletting, and they'll take every form of life with them in the process. They have unleashed a millennia of leaches upon the labia of the Middle East, and our past is tainted with the knowledge that it only takes one to work its way into the interior to produce a painful hemorrhage.

This barbarous and prepubecent act of aggression in the name of maintaining the status of world dominator, the excise of ultimate control, and insurance of continual incoming profits (profits reaped off of exploitation) to, in turn, maintain an elite minority lifestyle / minority rule; also is of striking resemblance to men's aggression to and suppression of women.

While I dismiss the dogma of biblical fiction; the very foundations of patriarchal structure-from the Inquisition to this day-I'll not deny some of the properties of revelations. Not as the second coming of Christ (fear fucker!) but as the signs of final destruction. Their is a "revelation" in many aboriginal prophesies that state the spiralactic transformation toward the (beginning of the) end in which the seas turn to blood. The blood of our mother (Earth) now gushes into the sea bringing with it unsurpassing and uncomprehendable destruction. This is not the flow of menses in which we witness but the flow of castration. The hemorrhaging under the rusty knife, the surgeon "general," the leaches. In the quest for power and domination, the living Gaia has been ruthlessly raped, her families pillaged, and her holistic home scorched with flame. She now lays helplessly bleeding in her waste; drowning in the deification synthesized by mankind. Will her stifled cries be heard, or will they again be dismissed, and is this her last choking gasp of breath; our last chance?

While they seductively keep us stricken with fear: fear of god, fear of the system, fear of each other, fear of the unknown, they enable themselves to commit any symbolic form of rape. By sitting back and keeping silent, we're giving them consent to do so. My heart bleeds and my blood boils. If indeed there is time left to break the shackles that bind us (as wimin and as humin animal beings), it is time OVERDUE to take control of our own destinies; to take back our lives. Bring the war home and bite the hand that feeds you SHIT.

Many historians like to use the conflict between Islam and Christianity as a theme for Middle East history. Suffice to say that ruling elites in Europe and and the Near East have used intolerant, expansionist, and militarist aspects of each religion to mobilize the populations in wars against each other since Islam's rise in the 8th century A.D. Arabs invaded and colonized Europe, Turkish Moslems invaded and colonized S.E. Europe and India, Christians "Crusaded" and colonized the Middle East. Various European empires (Russian. Austrian, Hungarian) waged wars on the Ottoman Turks until the Ottoman Empire's collapse due to defeat in World War One.

During the war, Britain had promised independence to the peoples of the Middle East if they would rise up against the Turks. Many did, but at the subsequent peace conferences were ignored. In 1919-1922, the British and French imperialists carved up the Middle East into "protectorates," which in theory, would become nation-states in the future. In reality, the area was divided between Britain and France into old-fashioned colonies. Boundaries were drawn arbitrarily and tribal leaders who proved amicable and cooperative became kings of newly drawn-up monarchies. To demonstrate how arbitrarily these borders were consider that Kurdistan was penciled in on early maps, but later erased and divided between Turkey, Iraq, and Iran. Kuwait was added in 1922 to make sure Iraq had no major ports on the gulf to challenge English naval power. France got Syria and Lebanon while Britain controlled Egypt, Palestine, and the Gulf Region. The British policy was to keep the region divided into conservative, compliant monarchies none of which could pose a threat to British imperialist power.

Oil production in Saudi Arabia began in 1938 (1946 in Kuwait) and during World War Two, the U.S. and Britain took steps to ensure that the status quo was maintained in the region. The U.S. built an airbase at Daharan in 1944 as a counterweight to Soviet moves into the region. After the war, the U.S. took over the British role of maintaining the status quo of pliant oil sheiks in the gulf. The steady flow of oil dominated by Aramco, Mobile, Chevron, Texaco, Exxon, and British Petroleum, was considered a vital strategic interest of the U.S. to defend.

The cold war and Vietnam led to a vital redefinition of U.S. policy towards enforcing the status quo with proxy states rather than U.S. forces. Therefore, Iran, Israel, and to a lesser extent, Saudi Arabia were provided with weapons and intelligence. These were used to counter Soviet influence and crack-down on nationalist revolutionary movements.

This worked until the Shaw of Iran was overthrown by an Islamic Fundamentalist revolution. This new ideology was strongly anti-American, Anti-imperialist and started spreading rapidly, posing a threat to U.S. interests To keep Iranian power in check the U.S. tacitly supported Iraq as a Ba'athist secular counterweight to Islamic Iran (Hussein, King Hussein, and Assad all "rediscovered" Islam in the past few months). The U.S. raised no objections to massive sales of arms to Iraq by France and the U.S.S.R. during and after the Iran-Iraq war. During the war, the U.S. provided agricultural credits which freed up Iraqi hard currency to buy arms No criticism of Iraqi use of chemical weapons against Iran or the Kurdish minority was heard. (it should also be noted that our erstwhile ally Egypt used gas in the Yemen civil war). The U.S. reflagged Kuwaiti tankers in 1987 to discourage attacks on them by both sides during the gulf war. U.S. forces were used against Iranian oil platforms and patrol boats, which some say tipped the scales towards Iraq in the war. There was also no meaningful protest by the U.S. when Iraq attacked and almost sank the U.S.S. Stark (an act of war) in 1988.

However, after the war, U.S. sponsorship of Iraq began to look like it was outliving it's usefulness. The Pentagon began to worry about Iraq's growing military might. Iraq had gotten too powerful for U.S. interests and would have to be put back in its place. (indeed, Col Dean, head of the Air Force ROTC at the U of M told me that he thought war with Iraq was inevitable - a good four months before Iraq invaded Kuwait)

Kuwait and the Gulf states are still ruled by absolute monarchies set up by the British in the 1920's as the result of a war fought supposedly for democracy and self-determination. Aside from being cooperative suppliers of oil, the gulf states have helped prop up the gulf states have helped prop up the sagging U.S. economy with massive investments from oil profits. Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have around $550 billion invested in the U.S. and Western Europe.

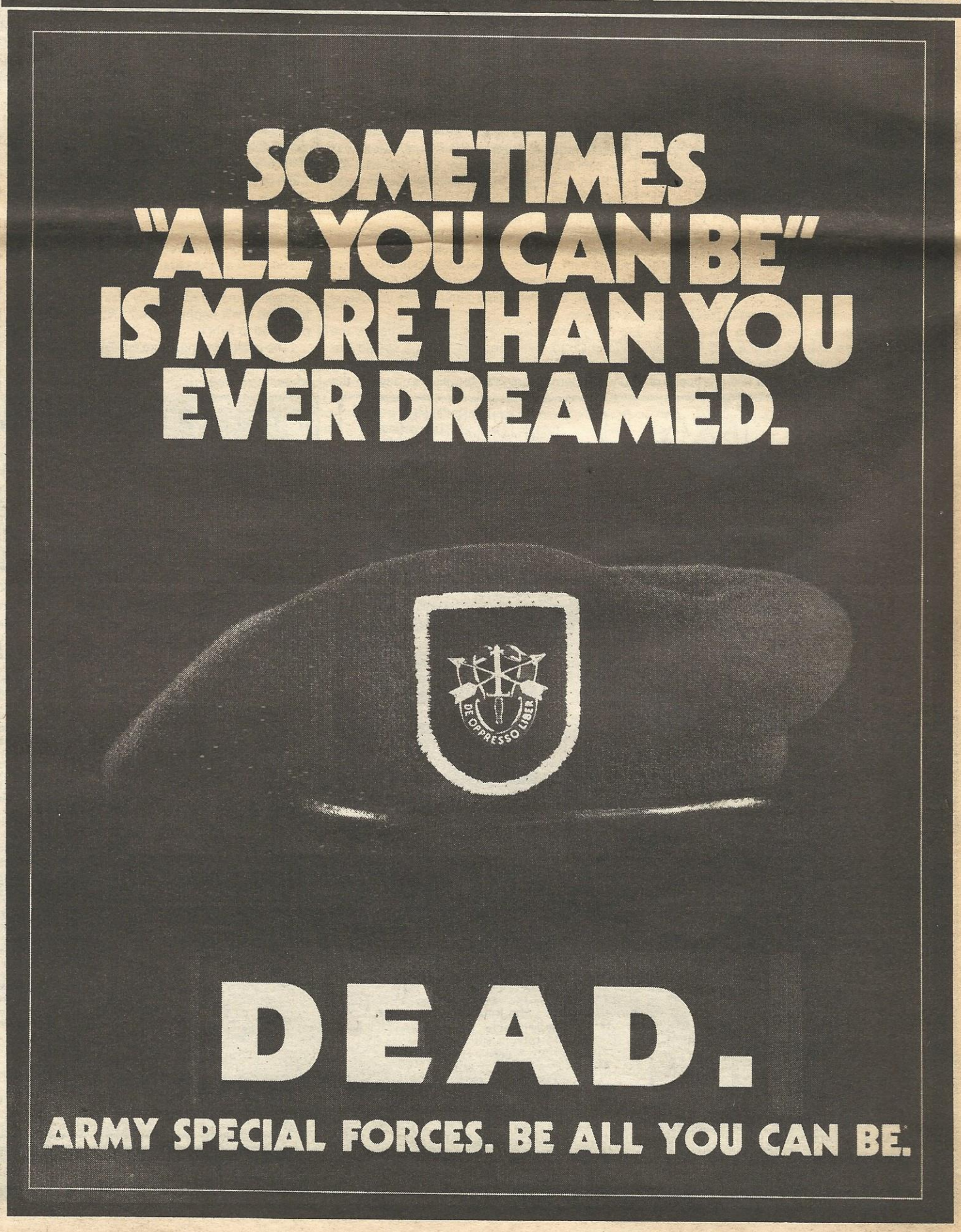
I think it's going a little too far to say that the U.S. provoked or masterminded this war, but the military-industrial complex certainly welcomes it as an excuse to continue with wartime production levels of military equipment which have kept the U.S. out of major recession since World War Two and kept power centered in the hands of the security establishment and major corporations

It's amusing to note the Orwellian double-standards of this crisis as well:

- The U.S. is now allied with "terrorist" states who's proxies still hold U.S. hostages - Syria and Iran.
- While we are fighting to end Iraqi occupation of Kuwait, we have allowed Israeli occupation of parts of Jordan, Egypt and Syria since 1967 and given Syria control of Lebanon.
- We have joined hands with communist dictatorships in China and The U.S.S.R. who are too busy massacreing their own citizens to raise a fuss.
- We are fighting to defend the "sovereignty of legitimate governments of Kuwait" yet have militarily overthrown the "legitimate, sovereign governments of Grenada and Panama

What this boils down to, when looked at in a historical perspective, is maintenance of the status quo in a region rich in resources necessary for the smooth functioning of the capitalist system. It will ensure continuance of the status quo at home too; domination of society by the national security state and military industrial complex.

P.S. Mike Scalifani from New York, your A.Y.F. order was returned. Please write us with your correct address.
P.P.S. Kevin Clark from St. Paul. Thanks for your comments. Please write me with your address. I lost it!



Due to our special "Oil War" issue, the letters section has been reduced to accomidate layout specifications. Thanks for your input, it never goes unnoticed...

Yo Profane Existence (Troll)!!!

Thanks for the bulk copies of Profane Existence #7. The OI POLLOI interview was cool! Chris Renshaw's review of issue #3 of my 'zine (Crossbreed) wasn't so cool. Are people still so narrow-minded and conditioned as to have to label and classify others due to differences such as class, race, gender and even subculture. Because I may include ska as well as HC/punk in my 'zine, does that make me a "punk skinhead or skinhead punk or punk wanna be skinhead or skinhead wanna be skinhead"? I guess I'm not punk enough ' cuz I don't listen exclusively to BOLT THROWER and CARCASS. I guess that means I'm not a real anarchist 'cuz I don't conform to some crustcore standard of dreadlocks, bullet belts and AMEBIX patches. By allowing ourselves to be labeled and our need to label others, we are submitting to the theory of divide and conquer. Is this not we are all fighting against? Why not just drop our petty differences and unite in order to create a real movement free of intolerance? Anyway, I will be moving to Ottawa for the beginning of February. If anyone wishes to contact Crossbreed 'zine or H.A.R.D., my new mailing address is P.O. Box 4402, Station E / Ottawa, ON / K1S5B4 / Canada. The Toronto AYF is now under way, and we have an anti-fur demo planned for the end of January outside Barrington Furs in Oakville. Also, a collective 'zine based solely on the local music scene and local issues will be out shortly, entitled "Bill Chate's 'Fro". We also distribute zines and 7"'s. For flyers and a distribution list, send a SASE / IRC to Toronto AYF / P.O. Box 84001 / Trafalgar Postal Outlet / Oakville, ON / L6H5V7 / Canada.

-Kliphph L@m

Dear Kliphph,

For someone who hated getting labeled in the P.E. review of your fanzine (and rightfully so...), you sure do label a lot of anarchists and punks! I have long curly hair, no bullet belts, no AMEBIX patches, no BOLT THROWER or CARCASS Lp's and my favorite bands are mostly melodic. Enough said? --Newt

Hello everyone at P.E.!

Just a quick note to say I love your mag, great stuff, but I bet you already know that! Anyway, I've just been reading Felix's fashion corner in P.E. #6 and I know its not to be taken too seriously but... How come all you/us punks, crusties, alternative, goths, etc just love to get kitted out at the local army store? I thought most of us were anti-war and yet we all go handing over our money to the army/government (all be it indirectly) for ex-army gear? Surely this should be avoided just like the money making fashion shops if not even more so. I bet the politicians and generals are pissing themselves at us! "Ha, anti-war, just look at all them combat boots, shirts, army trousers, bullet belts everyone wears." They must have made a fortune out of us. C'mon kids, no more war gear please. I think this is a very important point that is often neglected in the scene today. Yes, I know it looks good on you and it's cheap, but so are second hand shops, jumble sales, etc and punks not supposed to be a fashion. I'd like to hear other peoples views on this subject. OK that's all for now.

Love, peace, equality - Nick

Dear Nick,

I think you bring up an important point; in many respects, I agree. I, myself, don't care to wear combat boots, etc., but I'm not here to judge someone else for doing it. However, who's to say a punk couldn't wear something s/he took the effort to steal? To each, his own.

—Newt

P.E.,

Hi! Like everyone else in this world, I am running around, mouth open - ears closed. But when I read your zine, I shut up and listen for a change.

Whenever I read P.E., I feel horribly stupid and ignorant. Until today, I let that hold me back from getting involved in trying to change things. NO MORE! I may never know everything about certain issues - but one thing is apparent to me - our society is fucked, we are ruled by tyrants in a technological feudal society that bleeds our personal freedom. The number of people who agree with us is small, the number of those doing anything about even smaller. I feel it is my duty to join the tiny legion and do my part. So, I guess I'm about to do a lot of stupid things.

Now, one last thing, a little gripe. Let's nip this PC nit-picking in the bud before it divides us into even smaller factions. Lately, in various publications, I have been receiving attacks against my addiction to cigarettes. Yes, I KNOW its unhealthy, and I try not to smoke in presence of those who are offended by it - but nicotine is even more addictive than heroine...Like the little unfortunate monkeys who repeatedly chose heroin over food, I would hate to have to choose between our cause and my addiction. It took me awhile to stop eating meat and I'm willing to boycott products that support the exploitation of living things...but don't fuck with my addiction! Maybe, just like with meat, I will reach a point where it is important to me that I quit supporting the tobacco industry. For what its worth, I've seen flyers saying that Marlboro supports Jesse Helms, and so I've switched to Camel. (For all I know, RJ Reynolds supports far worse things).

I know that you non-addicts out there will hardly be sympathetic...not-smokers can never fathom why we suck on these hazardous, stinky things and they are mighty smug about it.

That's just a small example of what I'm talking about...think twice before you turn your back on a carnivore who may just be waiting for enlightenment...we can't afford to become dogmatic and entangled in ethical arguments with one another. There are more important things at hand!

Love (I mean that!), Katy Odell

...BUT YOUR LETTERS ARE WELCOME!!

To the members and staff of Profane Existence,

Aaaaaaarrrrgggghhhh! Greetings everybody! My name is Tom. I'm one of the loonies who's been responsible for the existence of DEVASTATED zine here in the dying country of the Philippines. Kristen from AYF sent me a copy of your #8 issue and along with it are some infos and pointers about AYF and forming a Anarchist group. Its really great to know that someone still gives a fuck about us over here. To tell you the truth, the scene here is going down the toilet of Capitalism, self-centeredness and fashion. Gigs here are becoming more and more violent. Lots of conformist, egoist and loudmouths who wants to rule the local scene here. There are no Anarchist groups here or what so ever. There's Y.S.M. or Youth Solidarity Movement but like what I've said before, lots of egoist and conformist. The only thing I like about Y.S.M is they organize gigs and shows for the local bands over here. But sometimes bands don't get paid and sometimes rip offed. There's also another group here called YOUTH ACTION GROUP organized by fanzine makers and editors but we haven't heard any words from ever since the last articles which I saw on a fanzine. We've always wanted to organize an Anarchist group over here but everytime we talk to people about it they always mistake us being communist and sometimes even Satanist which is fuckin stupid. We've been corresponding to Class War for the past year and they sent us stickers, fliers, news and infos about the latest on going activities from Class War and they've also sent us the latest book called the Poll Tax Riot, which for me I think contains mostly violence but with a cause and sense. Unfortunately we can't do the same thing over here, people are being ruled by FEAR on their minds. Fear from being beaten, tortured and killed by the police which we all know a grim reality here in Manila, like the word "Salvage." A process in which the police no longer take the person to court for a fair trial but sentenced them to Death by their own law (the gun) and throw them at the nearest dumpsite, rivers, ocean and sometimes in the streets. Victims are found dead, brutally beaten, over killed and sometimes burned to death. Most of the victims in this inhuman self proclaimed justice are political prisoners, thiefs, gang members and anyone who is caught with an attitude problem answering to a police questions. Most of the victims are believed to be 25 years old below and half of them are student activist.

Anyway, we need help from people and groups like you who believe that its about time that we have a change, to take a stand and have a saying against all the bollox that society has to offer. We encourage everybody to write to Filipino, fanzine editors, bands, groups and other such individuals who are interested to communicate, collaborate and help to keep and support the local scene and struggle ALIVE.

Another problem here is fanzine distribution. All of the fanzines are being banned from stores and other distribution area by its capitalist owners for containing subversive, chaotic, violent anti-social words and articles or maybe they figured out that their not making enough money our of us fanzine makers so they decided to kick us out. This is only one way to show you what "free press" here is all about (Money). Mail is another problem. Nobody writes to fanzine editors over here. Only few people contributes to us. Giving their opinions, views, sociopolitical awareness band-infos, comics, and interviews and sometimes financial help. The reason why only few people writes to fanzine over here is becoz most of them don't even know what a fanzine is and all about. All I can say is we need to educate! "EDUCATE NOT HUMILIATE AND REJECT!" Teach them all the things they have to know and need to know about what they got themselves into and not reject them (except for those asshole who's becoming to be a pain in the ass!).

Well that's all I have to say to you and I hop I didn't bore you people out there but I hope you understand the problems that we have here in our so-called scene and if you want to hear some Philippine bands and fanzines just say so and I'll be happy to send you a copy. OK thanx for yer time!!!

UNITY and FRIENDSHIP - Tom

P.S. - Here's a question that most of the lads here are asking, "Are all Anarchist vegetarian and do you have to be a vegetarian to be an Anarchist? If so then how can we practice such beliefs in a country where vegetables are more expensive and sometimes luxurious than meat?"

Dear Tom,

To answer your post script... Not all anarchists are vegetarian, though almost all the ones I know are. You don't have to be a vegetarian to be an anarchist, but if a person is truly standing behind anarchism, (I have found) s/he will nine times out of ten choose vegetarianism.

I have no idea about vegetable prices in countries beside my own. Here, prices for vegies are way below those of dead animal flesh. If your climate allows, I suggest growing your own vegie and herb garden; its one of the best ways to be self-sufficant.—Newt

P.E. -

"NO WORLD ORDER" is the name of our group that is trying to put together some kind of information swap / trade for the @nti-war movement. We're needing people from all parts of the world to send reports about their areas protests and literature. Some truthful information about the war. The media, like always, has been doing a great job on telling us absolute bullshit. They are filled with propaganda spewed out by nationalistic dictators! We need other intelligent information, an alternative to what's out there.

The @nti-war movement here in Seattle wants to know what the truth is in the other parts of the world. Every city counts! Every thought matters! If you have any newspaper clippings (pro or con), protest / rally reports, flyers, artwork, poetry, songs, etc...that you think is thought provoking and relevant to the Anti-war movement, please send it to us (no world order). In return our Anti-war movement will send you good copies of stuff that we have. Together we can stop this insane war. The media is doing their part, lets start doing ours!

We don't believe we'll be able to reach everyone but, with our actions and ideas, hopefully it will cause a "ripple effect" on people to explore other alternatives than the TV and such. And especially for people to start thinking for themselves!!

If you absolutely have no information / artwork, we will send you stuff to read up on anyway. (and maybe start your own informat-pamphlet or whatever) Just ask us when you write. If you know of any groups who are doing the same thing as us (or similar things) then please let us know so we can connect! Together we can make a difference. Protests, flyers, graffiti, disruption, DIRECT ACTION, we can only imagine. Let's start doing it!

Love, Nickle

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Dear Nickle,

I agree that we need "other intelligent information, an alternative to what's out there" concerning the current anti-Oil war movement. With that, we present Profane Existence.

—Newt

SHORT HISTORY OF ANARCHISM PART 9

BY FELIX

Anarchists in the Mexican Revolution

Mexico like many other nations in the Americas has developed a tradition of anarchism which has combined the European philosophy of anarchism with local communal traditions. Until the days of the Diaz dictatorship Mexican peasants lived in villages and worked communally owned plots of land surrounding the village. Their traditional way of living was in itself opposed to capitalist and authoritarian means of ownership and production. In the middle of the 19th century anarchist ideas from Europe spread to Mexico where they were translated and spread by Ignacio Ramirez and Melchiro Campo. In 1863 Plotin C. Rhodakanaty a Greek immigrant started a student group at the College in Mexico City where he taught philosophy. Many of the members of this group went on to play important roles in the anarchist and labor movements. In 1865 the club helped local textile workers organize a union, leading to the first recorded strike in Mexican history. The group split up and Rhodakanaty started a libertarian school for peasant children in the town of Chalco. In 1869, one of the former pupils Julio Chavez started a peasant rising which spread to several states. After initial success the rising was crushed by government troops and Chavez was executed. Rhodakanaty was sentenced to death, but managed to gain his freedom provided he left the area. Rhodakanaty and Francisco Zalacosta formed La Social in 1871. The aim of this group was "The abolition of all systems of government and Liberty for all the manual and intellectual workers of the Universe". Another anarchist group Sociedad Aritistica Industrial published a newspaper and agitated among the workers of Mexico City. In 1876 La Social had 62 sections across Mexico and anarchist activity was high throughout the country, particularly in the labor movement. Unfortunately anarchists were a minority in major labor organizations and when Diaz came to power and entrenched his dictatorship these organizations were taken over by the government. Zalacosta was jailed in 1880 and not heard from again. Rhodakanaty failed to re start his school and returned to Europe. In the 1880's and early 90's Porfiro Diaz dictatorship took corruption and oppression of working peoples to extremes. Whole communities had the land which they had worked communaly stolen and given to a handful of influential families or to foreign businessmen. These peasants were then forced to work in near serfdom on their former lands. Any voice of protest was met with imprisonment and heavy fines which the offender was forced to work off. Along with debt slavery, forced labor in dangerous mines was a common punishment. Strikes were met with brutal oppression and many workers were murdered by police and hired thugs. Not surprisingly resistance to such dictatorship was boiling beneath the surface. The resurgent anarchist movement in Mexico centered around the Partido Liberal Mexico or P.L.M. From 1900 on the P.L.M. became increasingly radical and moved from traditional Liberalism to revolutionary anarchism. Ricardo Flores Magon and his brother Jesus founded the newspaper Regeneracion. Repression of the anarchists and their paper was intolerable and many of the most active members of the P.L.M. were forced to operate from the U.S.A. From here they could work to finance printing of propaganda which was smuggled into Mexico and distributed. The P.L.M. formed an organizational Junta in Saint Louis in 1905 which co-ordinated activities in Mexico and the U.S.A. The U.S. government also repressed the anarchists and they were frequently imprisoned and harassed. In 1906 a rising in Mexico organized by the P.L.M. was crushed by the Diaz dictatorship, as was another larger one in 1908. In 1910-11 the movement against Diaz grew and the P.L.M. was involved in many actions, along with the reformist forces of Francisco Madero. An armed rising by the two groups was foiled, but guerrilla warfare continued in the countryside. The alliance with the Maderists proved to be unfortunate as Madero on several occasions betrayed and deceived the P.L.M. to gain their support for his political ambition, and thwart their growing influence which he saw as a threat. When Madero and Diaz made peace in 1911, Madero became president although much of the corrupt regime remained in place. Madero launched a campaign against the remaining anarchist guerrillas who were active across Mexico and had the Northern part of Baja California under their control. Revolt soon flared up as Madero failed to implement any serious reforms. Armed bands led by the likes of Emiliano Zapata, Pancho Villa and Pascual Orozco grew in size and challenged the Maderist regime. The P.L.M. was active on its own and with the Zapatistas. Their program was one of complete expropriation of the land, factories and natural resources for the benefit of the workers. The Zapatistas while not organized around any sort of anarchist platform fought for an anarchistic communal life style under the motto of the P.L.M. "Land and Liberty". Across Mexico land was expropriated and divided up among the peasants as wealthy land owners suffered for their years of exploitation and abuse. Public records of debts and property ownership were burned, and attacks were made on the church which was also a traditional oppressor. Madero was arrested and executed by General Victoriana Huerta who set himself up as a new dictator. Provincial Governor Venustiano Carranza formed his own armed movement and fought Heurta as did the forces of Villa and Zapata. In 1914 the combined forces of Zapata, Villa and Carranza took control of Mexico City and overthrew Huerta. Carranza plotted against his allies, and with the support of the U.S. took power and turned against them. At this time Carranza gained the support of the anarcho-syndicalist Casa del Obrero Mundial as well as socialist labor groups who fought against the agrarian revolutionaries led by Villa and Zapata. The P.L.M. denounced this division of the working class and urged the urban workers to join the peasants and fight the government. However, the two groups differences were too great and the Carranza forces eventually managed (with help from the U.S. army under Gen. Pershing) to crush Villa. In 1919 the Carranza forces invited Zapata to a conference under a truce, he complied with the truce and showed up only to be murdered. His forces fought on for a while but were also crushed. Once his hold on power was established Carranza betrayed the workers who had helped gain his position. Strikes were outlawed and the Unions were disbanded, thus the workers suffered for their alliance with Carranza. Many of the activists of the P.L.M. spent the rest of their lives in exile in the U.S. and Canada. Ricardo Magon died in a U.S. prison in 1922, due to lack of medical attention. Anarchism as a mass movement in Mexico was crushed, although there have been instances of agrarian revolt in the tradition of Zapata as recently as the 1970's in which land was expropriated and distributed to the peasants. Anarchists played an important role in the first major revolution of the twentieth century but due to betrayal by alleged allies against a series of dictators and failure to unify the interests of urban workers and peasants the idea was never transformed into reality.

"Rise all of you as one man! In the hands of all are tranquility, well-being, liberty, the satisfaction of healthy appetites. But we must not leave ourselves to the guidance of directors. Let each be the master of himself. Let all be arranged by the mutual consent of free individualities. Death to slavery! Death to hunger! Long live Land and Liberty!

"Mexicans! With hand on heart and tranquil conscience we formally and solemnly appeal to you all, men and women alike to embrace the lofty ideals of the Mexican Liberal Party. As long as there are rich and poor, governors and governed, there will be no peace, nor is it to be desired that there should be; for such a peace would be founded on the political, economic and social inequality of millions of human beings who suffer hunger, outrages, the prison and death, while a small minority enjoys pleasures and liberties of all kinds for doing nothing.

"On with the struggle! On with the expropriation, for the benefit of all and not the few! This is no war of bandits, but of men and women who desire that all may be brothers and enjoy, as such, the good things to which nature invites us and which the brawn and intelligence of man have created, the one condition being that each should devote himself to truly useful work.

"Liberty and well-being are within our grasp. The same effort and the same sacrifices that are required to raise to power a governor-that is to say a tyrant-will achieve the expropriation of the fortunes the rich keep from you. It is for you, then, to choose. Either a new governor-that is to say a new yoke-or life-redeeming expropriation and the abolition of all imposition, be that imposition religious, political or of any other kind.

"LAND AND LIBERTY!"

From the P.L.M.'s "Manifesto of Sept. 23, 1911"

A TYPICAL REBEL BAND

A short note only on my Brief History of Anarchism series; For those of you who don't know, Felix's Short History is currently serialized and upon completion will be published as a booklet. Currently I'm writing it as I go depending on sources and how much time I have. I'd like to apologize if I've made errors here and there. I plan to rewrite and revise the whole deal as I compile and arrange it into booklet form. Most of all I would like to apologize for the section on Sacco Vanzetti, in which I made a lot of errors. I plan to read up more on him before I compleat the series. I'd like to apologize for my heavy coverage of Euro-American Anarchism as well. I have scraps of sources on anarchism in South America, China, Korea, Japan, etc.. But there isn't much written about these countries in English and unlike European and American Anarchism they exert little influence on modern Anarchist thought. For those who wonder why I haven't yet covered Spain, just keep waiting. I was hoping to do it this issue, but haven't had the time. The chapter on Spain will be a feature length article and go into some depth. Other upcoming topics will be- The Paris Commune, Individualist Anarchism(Stirner & Warren), and Anarchism Today. I might also add else here or there. I'm hoping for an article on French Anarchism from the Federation Anarchiste in France. After this series is complete I hope to write more articles on how to deal with practical matters in an Anarchist Society (in the vein of my "Crime in an Anarchist Society" article). These will cover topics like Housing, Agriculture, Public Works, etc.. Any Comments or suggestions can be sent to Profane Existence "attn. Flex". OK?- Also those who have wondered about the bibliography, it will be printed last as "A Guide To Further Reading" rather than in bits and pieces, OK? -Felix

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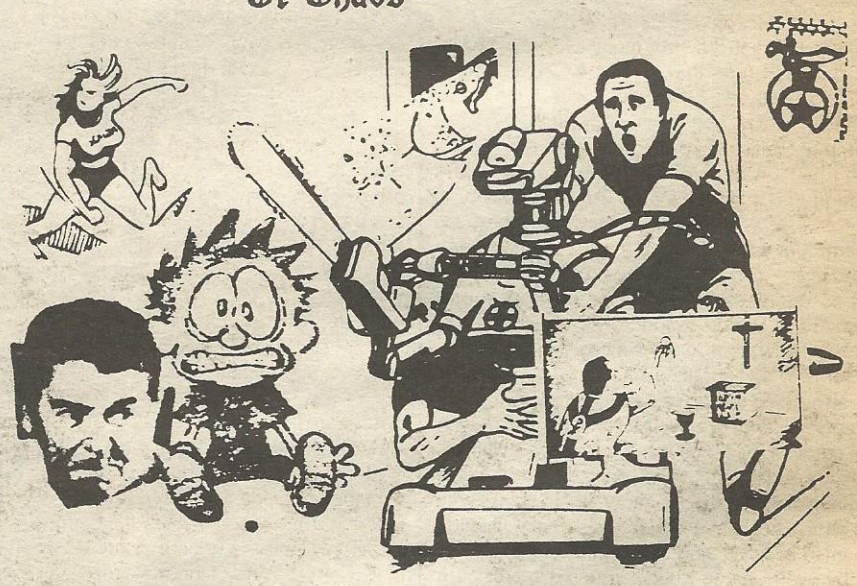

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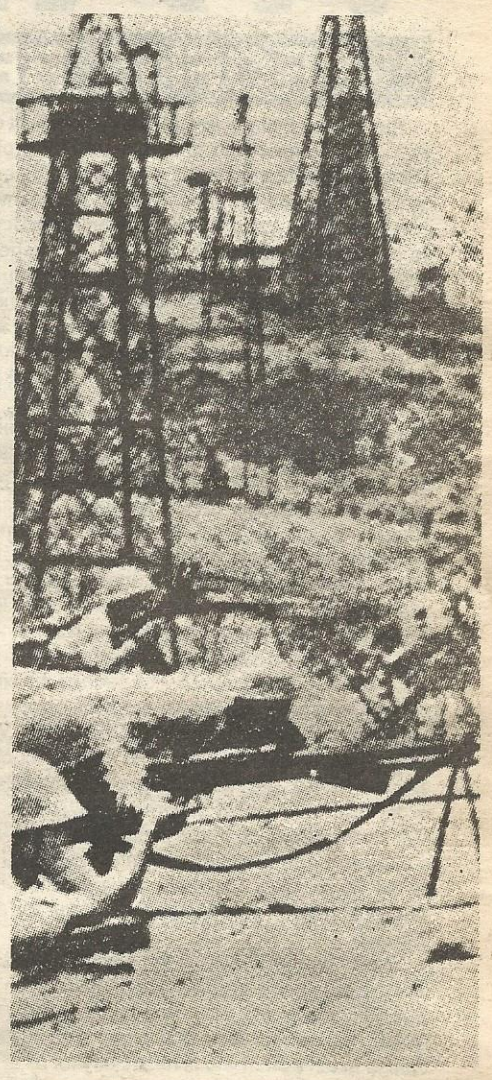

SPECIAL

What the hell is going on in this world? How can the ruling class - big business, governments, the powerful elite - continue to squander the world's resources and the lives of millions without anything standing in their way? The answer is simple - because we let them! The war in the Persian Gulf is just one example of little control we ultimately have with our lives under the conditions we've allowed ourselves to live in. In this issue of Profane Existence we have pulled together numerous resources and information regarding the current gulf situation. We have attempted to give some understanding on how the "Oil War" came about, why we were so helpless to stop it, and what we can to do to prevent it from happening again. We have also compiled an extensive listing of incidents of war-resistance that have taken place since this all began to help disperse the myth that the population is behind the governments and their war. We will continue coverage of the war and related subjects in future issues.

The Beginners Guide to Imperialism and the Oil War

WESTERN IMPERIALSIM

The capitalist West bases it's economy on the control of labor and resources from developing countries. Multinational corporations take resources and labor from the Third World and turn around and sell finished products back home in the West at enormous profits. The World Bank and IMF also operate in the same way to enforce Western dominance over Third World nations. The peasants and workers of these nations are the ones who suffer most as they are over-worked, underpaid and cannot grow food crops because the land is used for export cash crops or other resources for export. While the ruling elite of these countries indulge in the luxuries of the West in exchange for keeping the local populations from revolting and basically sucking-ass to the Western bosses (if they don't they'll suffer like Panama). This is classical Imperialism and the maintenance of global domination.

GULF OIL AND FOREIGN POLICY...

The West is dependant on cheap oil from the Middle East to fuel their own economies. When the cost of oil goes up, the cost of production, industry, transportation, etc. all increase. This means inflation at home, which is incredibly bad for the economy - in other words, people don't have the money to purchase products-which means less profits in the pockets of corporations. The ruling elite will use everything in their arsenal to maintain the status quo (in this case the continual flow of cheap oil) and at last resort will call in the U.S. military to do their dirty work. If you still can't see the connection between big business and government foreign policy consider that every U.S. Secretary of State from 1953 to the present has major connections with big oil. The current U.S. Secretary of State is connected to a law firm serving big oil companies and his family has large holdings in Exxon, Mobil, Atlantic-Richfield, Standard of California and Standard of Indiana.

BUYING SUPPORT FROM IRAQ

In 1980, Iraq attacked their much-larger neighbor Iran over disputed territory. During this war, Iraq was supported militarily and financially by just about every western government, as well as by the Saudi and Kuwaiti government who poured tens of billions of dollars into Iraq to fund the war. The common reason for Iraqi support by Western government and the Western-allied gulf states, was to destroy Iran's military might in the region. Iran had built up a considerable military capability during the 1960's and 70' under the Shah, but had fallen into the hands of the Ayatolla Khomeini after the rise of Islamic fundamentalism and anti-West sentiment in that country. In other words, the Gulf kingdoms and the West (although covertly) supported Iraq, even though they had a generally rough relation with the socialist Baath government of Iraq, because Iraq represented the only force standing in the way of Iranian expansionism. The western-allied kingdoms of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia especially depended on Iraqi victory to save themselves, and their oil reserves, from attack.

REPAYMENT IN KIND

The conclusion drawn by many experts in Middle East politics agree that when the war ended in 1988, no one thought Iraq would have come out so well in terms of technological and military strength. With the conflict over both Kuwait and Saudi Arabia demanded immediate repayment for loans made to Iraq during the war. That's usually how governments work isn't it? However, the Iraqi government was unable to pay back their debts because the price of their own chief export, oil, was so depressed by pressure on Kuwait and Saudi Arabia to over-produce by Western governments who wanted cheap oil to fuel their own economies. The fact that the government of Kuwait refused to stop undercutting Iraq with both cheaper oil and overproduction, combined with very credible evidence that Kuwait was drilling at such an angle near the border that they were pumping oil out of Iraqi territory, left Iraq with very little choice but to use their last resort, the military, to punish Kuwait. And on August 2, Iraq did just that by over-running Kuwait. Iraq did in fact warn of this action ahead of time and had issued letters stating so to the ambassadors to the U.N. Security Council member countries. The U.S. ambassador's response: "we have no opinion on Arab-Arab conflicts."

WESTERN RESPONSE

However, by invading Kuwait, the Iraqi's violated the free control over the resources by the West. Oh no! The price of gasoline doubles in some areas of the U.S. overnight! George Bush uses this as an excuse for sending in the military, patriotic rhetoric is everywhere; mom, apple pie, the stars and stripes, etc. From the Cold War to the Oil War we have another "just cause." Under the guise of protecting Saudi Arabia and the other Gulf oil producing states (and the economies of the West), the U.S. spearheads an effort to turn the global governments against Iraq. Sanctions are put into effect, trade cut off, and the military build-up begins.

WHAT ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS?

It's painfully obvious the U.N. is only a forum for the ruling elite to make and pass resolutions to maintain their power. The Security Council, which makes decisions involving sanctions, wars, etc., is made up almost exclusively of the top imperialist powers in the world, so of course they're going to want to maintain cheap resources, which in this case means Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait. The U.S. primarily went through the U.N. to gain justification for actions against Kuwait. But does that mean justification? Does the U.S. adhere to enforcing U.N. resolutions? No! An example would be U.N. resolutions ordering Israel to withdraw from the Occupied Territories, which have never been enforced. The U.S. has also closed the New York City mission of the PLO against U.N. support. United Nations resolutions are meaningless and are enforced with hypocrisy and double standards, at the will and whim of the U.S. foreign policy.

WHY WAR?

The reason George Bush was so adamant about pushing for early military retaliation, instead of continuing with sanctions or seriously pursue negotiations, wass out of fear that they might have worked! It's been shown time and time again that the U.S. will use force whenever quick victory is possible to resolve Third World conflicts i.e. Vetinam, Panama, etc. Not only does this allow the U.S. to spread influence and establish bases for Third World dominance, but re-enforces rule by military might. The U.S. economy is dependant on military production as well and the use of diplomacy only serves to reduce the relevance of militarism. This is perhaps the last chance for the U.S., on decline as far as economic clout in the world, to maintain it's position on top. In terms of control of economics, the military is the only thing still going for U.S. dominance.

A U.S. - ARAB ALLIANCE?

Bush has also lined-up his "multi-national" coalition of military forces to combat Iraq, boasting he has support from the Arab nations to justify the U.S. presence. The fact is he only has support by the ruling elite of those nations who plan on carving up Iraq like post-World War Two Germany and gaining more influence in the area. The Arab countries themselves are also pressured under threat of sanctions against them if they remain friendly to Saddam Hussein, like Sudan and Jordan. However, the populace know the real threat is Western influence in the area and some predict that Arab radicals may over-throw their government if say Israel was drawn into the conflict. Israel is seen by just about all Arabs as a main instigator of violence and tool of U.S. policy in the region and is universally despised. For this reason there is great pressure on the Israeli government to not retaliate against Scud missile attacks on civilian targets. If Israel is drawn into the war, the Arab coalition will undoubtable fall apart. There is also a growing feeling of resentment against Saudi Arabia for allowing the U.S. build-up such a presence in the area. This feeling will probably grow as more and more news of atrocity committed against Arabs filter out of Iraq. The players in this conflict could change suddenly and swiftly as the War goes on... The U.S. is driving tanks through a China Shop at high speed.

THE HOME FRONT

The U.S. population has been told exactly what we want to hear , "This is a just war", "This is will not be another Vietnam," and "The Liberation of Kuwait has begun." What a crock of shit! While Saddam Hussein has demonstrated his brutality with the genocide against his own Kurdish population and more recently with the bombardment of Israeli civilians, the regime of the Al-Sabah family in Kuwait was one of the most repressive monarchies in the world. In-fact protests for greater freedoms in Kuwait clamped down upon as recently as February 1990. The U.S. will support any dictatorial regime as long as they carry out the will of U.S. foreign interest. Take the continual U.S. support for the brutal government in El Salvador as an example, or the Philipines, or Chile, or... The gag on news reporting of the war imposed by the Pentagon should also make anyone think twice about who's really free. What we've basically been seeing by the mainstream media has been one long commercial for militarism.

THE COST

It's obvious that there's really little we can do to stop this costly war. If there was ever a "Peace-dividend" from the Cold War it can be written off now. It is estimated that the U.S. government has spent an average of over $600 million a day on the Persian Gulf build-up since it began. With just one day's cost just imagine all the community development programs this could fund, how many houses this could build for the homeless, how many college educations, or health care programs. Wouldn't re-investment into research and development of alternative, safe energy resources, like solar power, be a much better investment?

IN HUMAN TERMS

But when it comes down to it the true cost of this conflict is in human lives. Under trade the trade embargo, already thousands of Iraqi civilians are suffering from a lack of food and medicine, as well as in Jordan and Sudan where trade restrictions have been affected, hurting the civilian populace. Right now in Iraq tens of thousands of civilians and soldiers, many of whom were unwillingly conscripted, are being slaughtered under U.S. bombs and missiles. Soon the U.S. ground forces will join in the fighting and those, in this land of opportunity, who found military service to be their only option will soon be slaughtered too. The real cost of war is it's victims on both sides. Saddam Hussein, albeit a martyr to Western imperialism, is just as much a power-hungry madman as George Bush. If we let this continue we will continue to find ourselves living in a world where more and more, the rule of militarism will dictate our lives. We should give support to neither side, instead increase the pressure on the powers all governments. Until the rulers are swept out of power will we continue to suffer... As long as there is government there will be wars.

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In an attempt to compile as much information on Oil War resistance we have pulled together as much information as we could from a variety of sources ranging from personal experiences to alternative news sources to the main stream media (partial list at end of report). These listings, for the most part, are incomplete due to a virtual to media silence on the topic, but we have listed, in chronological order, all of the events we could find. Please understand, however, that in just about every major city around the world there have been actions in a daily basis and our listings only cover the events we have knowledge of. The purpose of these listings are to gauge anti-war sentiment and hope to show how diverse the movement is. One special item to remember is that these anti-war activities are attended by people of all racial backgrounds and minority groups-- something not alluded to with the mainstream media covering only those who appear to be white and middle class.

Some continuing events include: At the Westover Airforce Base in Massachusetts there has been an on-going non-violent vigil maintained since the deployment began in August. Over 5000 people have taken part and 97 have been arrested. Nearby towns of Amherst, Worthington, and Conway have convened special town meetings to pass resolutions opposing the war.

Another anti-war vigil has been maintained in front of the White House in Washington, D.C. since the begining of deployment. Vigils have also been held every Wednesday at the Easter Illinois University.

Wednesday, August 29, 1990

San Francisco, CA: Over 1000 people attend anti-war rally with former Marine Reservist Eric Larson speaking.

Saturday, September 1

London: demonstrations against the war.

Monday, September 3

Bangladesh: Police use batons against demonstrators protesting against the dispatch of 12,000 Bangladeshi troops to the Gulf.

Saturday, September 8

Minneapolis, MN: A demonstration a march from Uptown to the Military recruiting station took place with 3-400 people in attendance.

London: Protests against the War.

Saturday, September 15

London: An estimated 4000 took the streets in protest

Edinburgh: An estimated 500 marched.

Wednesday, September 19

San Francisco, CA: Several hundred people show up to make a "citizen's arrest" on George Bush as he appeared at a hotel there. Cops beat protestors and arrest 85

Friday, September 21

France: Workers hold up a ferry carrying troops to the Gulf for 12 hours.

Saturday, September 22

A protest was held at the Presido Army base near San Francisco, CA

Friday, October 5

Berkeley, CA: Students rallied and marched to the campus ROTC to be met by riot police.

Saturday, October 13

Santa Cruz, CA: a march and rally took place with over 300 people in attendance.

Saturday, October 20

Minneapolis, MN: About 400 marched against the war

New York City: An estimated 15,000 demonstrated and marched against the war.

San Francisco, CA: Between 4-5000 demonstrated at the U.N. building and marched around the city.

Paris, France: 15,000 people marched against the war

Sydney, Australia: 1000 people marched against the war

Tokyo, Japan: 23,000 marched to protest against the proposal to send Japanese troops to the gulf.

Sunday, October 21

St. Louis, MO: 400 attend anti-war rally.

Saturday, October 27

Fort Lewis, Washington: Over 100 demonstrators marched up to the front gate, chanting and passing leaflets to the soldiers inside.

Monday, October 29

San Francisco, CA: On the anniversary of the "Black Monday" stock market crash, over 350 demonstrators marched through the financial district protesting corporate sponsorship of the Gulf build-up.

Sometime in November

Kingston, Canada: Activists posted phoney conscription notices all over town creating quite a panic as residents realized what the ultimate cost of "Desert Storm" may be. Similar actions have taken place all over Canada, as reported on the CBC, and has become so wide-spread that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are investigating.

Monday, November 12

Berkeley, CA: Demonstrators occupied the ROTC building. There were 18 arrested during the action. Various actions continue over the next month.

WAR IS BIG

PROFITS BEFORE PEACE

The system that we 'live' in is a system built on war. From preparation to actual conflict; profit. Those that profit most are the governments and corporations. Both go hand in hand. Sometimes it seems hard to avoid the corporation's products, so deeply entrenched are they that everywhere one turns is a multi-national corporation's product.

This is the size of the multinationals and their disguise. The profits of many corporations are larger than some countries' budgets. Multinationals own entire sections of the consumer market, dealing in everything from nuclear weapons, to entertainment, to soft drinks. They transcend most international boundaries. They own subsidiary companies, often competing products are actually put out by one vast corporation. They can adapt to changing consumer demands, as seen in the switch to a growing vegetarian market. Capitalism is death: The instigator and/or supplier to various wars and they rise to power with the consumer society's support. Take away the money and you begin crumbling their power, as in boycotts. But boycotting must not be seen as the end, for switching to lesser-known products obviously only means the build-up of new corporations. We believe corporations are only the symptoms of a capitalist power-based system and that capitalism is the instrument of all government systems. It makes no difference if it is "free" capitalism endorsed by the state or is direct-state capitalism (as in old Soviet-bloc counties); governments, the capitalist system and corporations must be destroyed.

"Profits before Peace" is the title of this article and that is the obvious intention of multis such as EMI, GE, Litton, etc, etc. They care nothing for peace, freedom, or life -- only profit. The system tried to teach us that war is necessary for all of us to be free, but it's only necessary for those who quest for profit. As stated earlier, boycotting is only one part of the solution, but it's a step that's proven to be effective; the decision is up to us...

GENERAL FACTS & FIGURES
DEAD & DYING IN 1987

- Hunger-related deaths total as many people every two days as did the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.
- The U.S.S.R., which has spent an estimated $4.6 trillion for military purposes since 1960, ranks 23rd among 142 countries in economic/social standing.
- Military budgets in the Third World are about seven times as large as in 1960, but for one out of every two people the only water available to drink is unsafe and possible deadly.
- More wars were being fought in '87 than any previous year on record; 80% of the deaths in these wars were civilian.
- Over 100 million people have no shelter whatsoever.
- Over 1 billion people have no safe water to drink.
- 800 million live in "absolute poverty," unable to meet minimal needs.
- Each year 14 million children of hunger.

JUSTICE? 'HUMAN RIGHTS'? PEACE? FREEDOM? We have none of these...

- In new York, the world's richest city, there are over 100,000 homeless people. Of the city's black and Hispanic children 70% live in poverty.
- One Trident submarine costs $1,436,000,000.
- The U.S. ranked first in military expenditure, military technology, nuclear weapons, arms exports, ranks 18th in infant mortality rate, and 8th in life expectancy.
- The U.S.S.R., by far the largest supplier of arms to Iraq, has also supplied SAM 7 surface-to-air missiles to Iran.
- In 1982, the CIA provided afghan guerillas with bazookas, mortars, mines, etc., mostly Soviet, at $30 to $50 million a year, half paid by Saudi Arabia... This covert aid is now estimated at $600 million to $1 billion a year. If correct, this is more than the U.S.S.R. provides for it's puppet government in Kabul.
- In 1983 the U.S. State Department launched "Operation Staunch," designed to discourage countries from selling arms to Iran. This program was pursued vigorously in the years that followed, averaging several official protests a month to foreign governments. Yet, in 1985 over 400 tons of mostly U.S.-built spare parts for F-4 and F-14 were delivered to Iran via a Belgium firm using a British cargo plane chartered in Zaire. Also, Israel has been covertly supplying Iran with U.S.-made weapons, and was officially given permission in 1981, contrary to Operation Staunch.

In attempts to increase military expenditure (which does the economy wonders) the U.S. has constantly played upon the supposed gap between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. and then downplaying it's own advances and expenditure.

1950: "The Russians would have 600 to 700 bombers by 1960." What they had was 190. Throughout the life of the gap the U.S. has always had a superiority of at least 300 bombers.

1960: "U.S.S.R. will have 500-1000 ICBMs by 1961" Later it was found out they actually had 10, while the U.S. had 200.

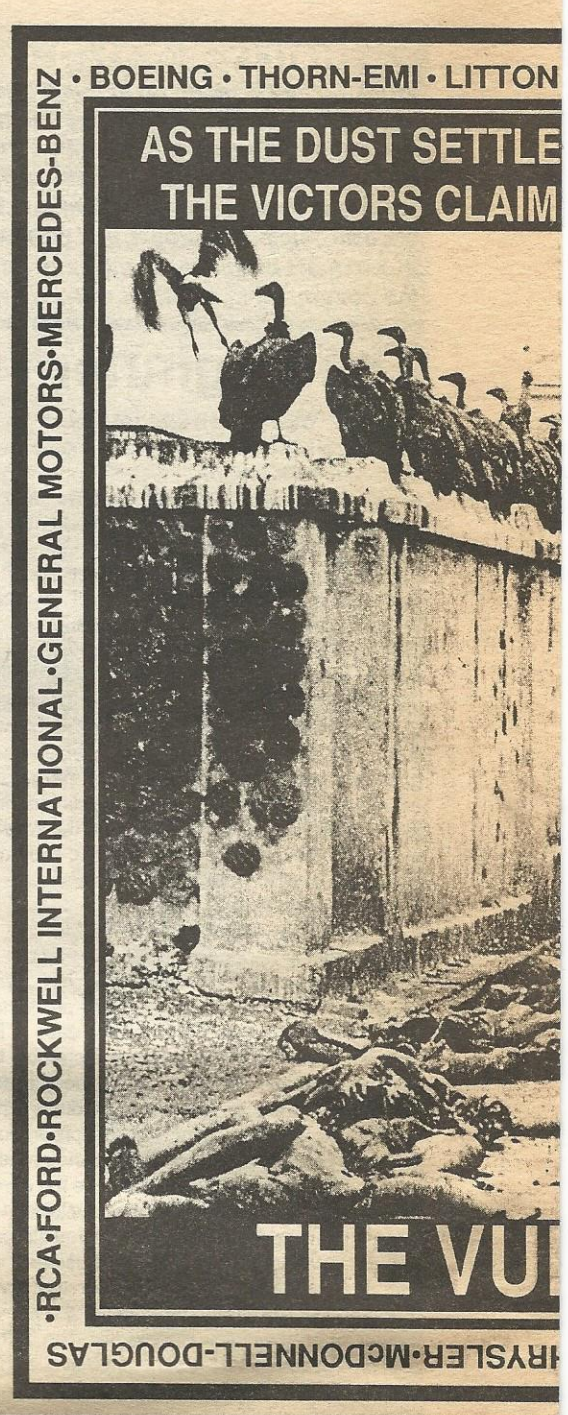
"Laser Gap": "The U.S.S.R. could deploy nuclear-powered X-ray lasers, while the U.S., behind on technology, would require more nuclear tests" In a response to a congressional inquiry in 1986, the CIA stated it did not believe the U.S.S.R. could deploy these weapons without further tests.

(Since this writing the "Cold War" has been abruptly ended due to the U.S.S.R.'s inability to continue financing their own arms productions. However, the forces of capitalism claim the continuing build-up is need to quell "Third World" violence--such as the Persian Gulf.)

THE CORPORATIONS

GENERAL ELECTRIC

One of the largest 'defense' contractors. Some military contracts GE is involved with are nuclear



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Friday, November 14

Athens, Ohio: 350 attended a protest at the Ohio University.

Santa Cruz, CA: Demonstrators successfully blockade recruiting center for two days with 700 marching the second day.

Friday, November 28

Berkeley, CA: 150 people marched, carrying a coffin, to a town meeting.

Sacramento, CA: Over 500 people marched to the state capitol.

Saturday, November 29

San Francisco, CA: Twelve activists occupy the Army Recruiting Center and shut it down for three hours. The protestors finally opened the doors after receiving threats of felony charges. However, once outside the center, the activists were charged with three felony counts: Conspiracy, false imprisonment, and burglary along with a misdemeanor charge of vandalism.

Saturday, December 1

Athens, OH: 450 Ohio University students marched through the city and were brutally attacked by local police.

Chicopee, MA: 2000 demonstrate in front Westover Air Force Base.

Seattle, WA: An unspecified number of people marched.

Friday, December 7

New York City: A "Funeral March" was held bringing body bags to the U.S. Mission to the U.N. 27 people were arrested.

Saturday, December 8

Chicago, IL: Over 4000 hold rally in the Chicago loop.

Friday, December 14

Berkeley, CA: Students hold a "festival of protest" on campus - festivities included a "die-in", mural painting and a march to the ROTC building.

Thursday, December 20

Panama City: Exactly one year after the U.S. invasion, thousands of Panamanians dressed in black marched to protest U.S. foreign policy.

Saturday, January 12

Seattle, WA: Over 2000 people rally at Peaceworks Park (formerly named Gasworks Park), where a permanent vigil/protest has been held since August.

Vancouver, Canada: Over 1500 take to the streets in protest.

Sunday, January 13

Minneapolis, MN: An estimated 10,000 people attended a huge "Stop the War Before it Starts" rally at Northrop Auditorium on the University of Minnésota Campus.

Seattle, WA: One or two Molotov Cocktails were thrown at the Federal Building downtown during the early morning hours.

Puyallup, WA (A suburb 30 miles from Seattle): A recruiting station was firebombed and nearby police cars were damaged.

Monday, January 14

Chicago: More than 5000 people blockaded the Federal Building - over 130 were arrested.

Minneapolis: Over 1000 people shut down the Federal Building and disrupted early-morning downtown traffic along Washington Avenue. Both passive civil disobedience and active resistance combined to make this action successful.

MIT: 4000 attend an all-night vigil at which hosted speakers which included Jesse Jackson.

New York City: Over 2000 high school students demonstrate the war.

San Diego: 10,000 demonstrate.

San Francisco, CA: Golden Gate Bridge taken over.

Seattle, WA: Several marches take place simultaneously, one of them marching down the Southbound lane of Interstate 5, blocking traffic for five miles. The culmination of the day's marches were a huge rally - attendance figures overheard on police radio was an estimated 59,200 measured by a police using an infra-red crowd detector aboard a helicopter.

Washington, D.C: Over 6000 marched from the National Cathedral to the White House where they met up with 1000 more demonstrators.

Toronto, Canada: Over 2000 march through downtown and inner-city and ended up at the U.S.Consulate.

Nouakchott, Mauritania: Police fire teargas to disperse university students protesting U.S. intervention

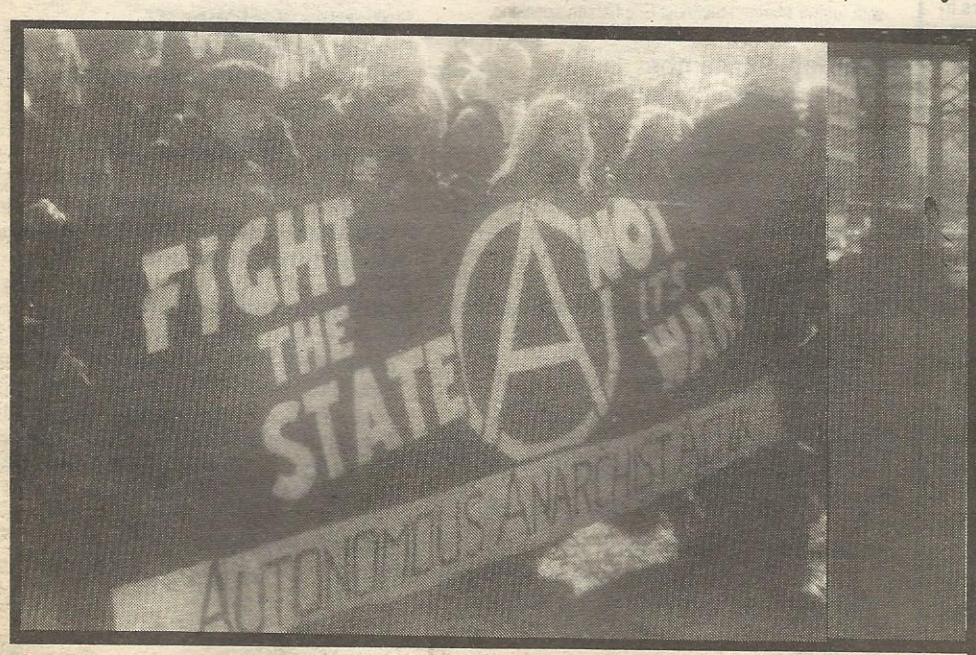
JANUARY 29 - BLAC

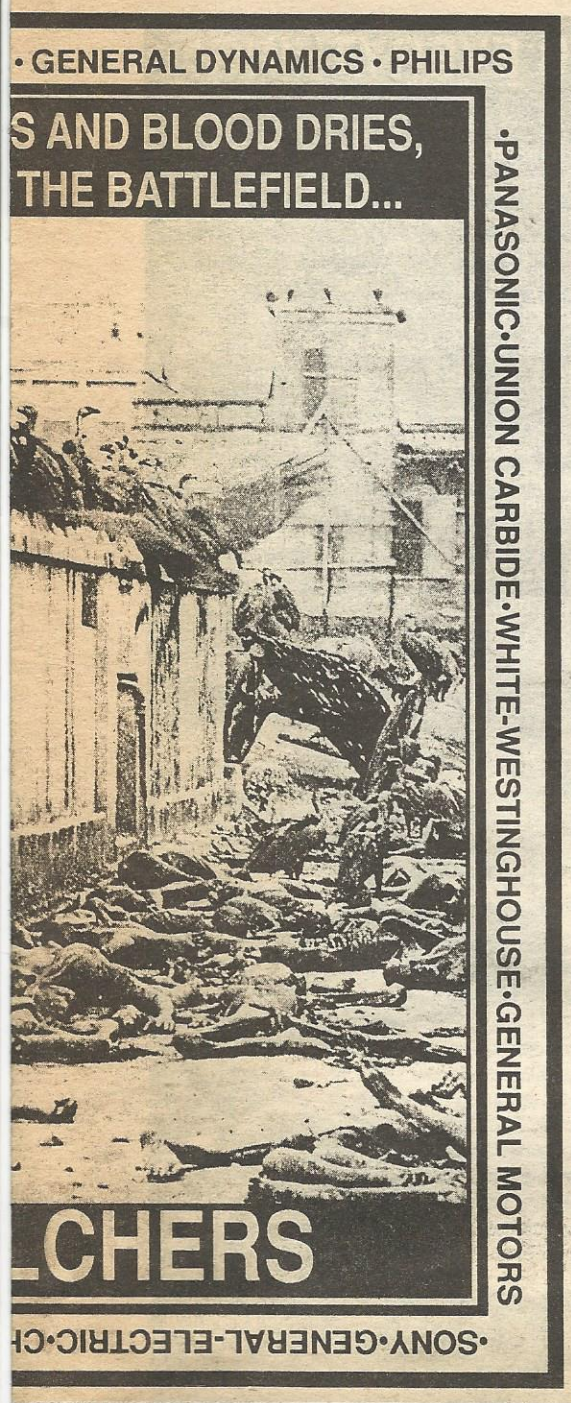
On January 26, 1991 people from all over the world heeded the call for a massive demonstration in Washington D.C. against U.S. policy in the Persian Gulf and the inevitable outbreak of the "Oil War." Estimates of the over-all numbers in attendance ranged from 75,000 people by the local park service, to over 250,000 by the organizers of the demonstration. The main event of the demonstration was a march down Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol lawn, in front of the White House, to the Ellipse. With the march lasting for quite a large part of the day any estimate of attendance would have to be speculative and our guess would have to be at least 100,000-150,000 people. Of course, we've never seen any demo quite as large before so this is not an experienced guess.

When our group arrived we went directly to the Garfield Monument where the anarchists were organizing a "black block" - this meant an anarchist contingent that would march together as a group. When we arrived there were lots of black flags and familiar faces, at least until masks were put on to preserve identities. Surprising was the large concentration of punks here, most traveling many hundred miles to be there. The atmosphere was pretty festive - what you usually get when punks get together - a party!

After many delays, some confusion and a little rabble rousing, the blackened contingent was on the move - nearly 1000 - an imposing sight against the blinding neon sea around us. As we progressed we passed numerous building where police agents were filming our section of the march from the rooftops - our response: "Jump! Jump! Jump!" Past the Canadian Consulate: "We support the Mohawks!" and "We remember Oka and Kanesstake!" Past the construction of the FBI building: First we told them where they can shove it, then the fence around it went down. The the surprise of the frightened construction workers, only pocket-fulls of rocks were taken.

The first "actions" took place as we passed the excessively large and expensive-looking treasury building. A few tax-payers got early refunds when stones were hurled through windows and red paint thrown on walls. Money can buy new windows but no amount can





BUSINESS

components for the Trident submarine, Trident missile guidance systems, engine and turbine systems for every major U.S. warship, fighter and bomber engines for the F-4, F-104, F-15, F-16, F-18 and B1B. GE produces neutron triggers for every U.S. hydrogen bomb through it's Neutron Services Department. The world's largest supplier of nuclear reactors and operates in South Africa. Produces neutron generators for Pershing II and Cruise missiles. GE also makes many household items such as Soft-White and Miser light bulbs, extension cords, lamps, batteries, VCRs, stereos, telephones, and other household appliances under the GE name.

GENERAL DYNAMICS

The number one U.S. defense contractor. Some of their products include Los Angeles and Seawolf class hunter/killer submarines, M1 and M60 main battle tanks, F-16 jet fighters (the most successful export warplane ever made), electronics for the B-1B bomber, Stinger and Tomahawk missiles and has been central to the development of "stealth" technology.

McDONNALD-DOUGLAS

Second only to General Dynamics in defense contracts. Major involvement with the B-1B bomber, producer of F-4, F-15, AV8-B and F-18 fighter jets, and a major arms exporter to "friendly" foreign governments. They also have a highly successful line of commercial, passenger and cargo jets.

LITTON

Manufactures LN-35 guidance systems on all cruise missile types, various military electronic hardware, and "night vision" goggles. Litton also owns Delmar Publishers (Canada) and manufactures some appliances such as microwave ovens and business equipment. Litton's Political Action Committee contributed $409,560 to candidates for U.S. Federal offices of the 1979-82 period. In 1979-80, over $5000 went to Ronald Reagan.

BOEING

One of the largest manufactures of aircraft in the world both civil and military. Recent military aircraft include the B-52 bomber, used extensively in Vietnam for conventional payloads, are an intregal part of the U.S. nuclear arsenal capable of delivering cruise missiles or nuclear gravity bombs. They are not newcomers in the nuclear weapons game - they built the "Enola Gay" which dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima in 1945. They are now developing and manufacturing components for the MX missile. Along side their military contracts, they are the world's biggest supplier of commercial passenger and transport planes, also owning de Havilland Aircraft.

THORN-EMI

A major electronics company, involved in arms production and household products. Produces fuzes for artillery and missile systems, military radar systems, infra-red air defense alerting systems and anti-personnel mines. Also owns Nuclear Enterprises Inc. They are also involved in producing music and movie entertainment.

RCA

Produces radar systems for aircraft defense, early warning ballistic missile defense, warfare laser systems, and military satellites. RCA also sells home electronic entertainment systems, has music & video entertainment lines, and owns the subsidiaries Ballentine Books and Oriel Foods.

IBM

Aside from supplying the South African government with computers to keep it's fascist state 'high tech,' IBM is also a major defense contractor. Production includes systems for arming B-52 bombers with Cruise missiles, computers for fighter jets, Cruise and Pershing II missiles, and the B-1B bomber. IBM also supplies battlefield computer systems and is central to the development of the "Single Integrated Operational Plan" for fighting World War Three. IBM makes home and business computers and some subsidiaries include Credit Corporations Insurance and Science and Research Associates.

HONEYWELL

Developers of some of the world's most destructive weapons: cluster bombs and fuel-air explosives, designed for maximum killing potential in "conventional warfare." Manufactures guidance systems, torpedos, smart bombs, and various other ammunition. Honeywell also offers some household gadgetry such as thermostats and burglar alarm systems. Honeywell's PAC contributed $63,966 to congressional candidates in the '79-80 election cycle.

LOCKHEED

A major defense contractor. products include Polaris nuclear ballistic missile, Trident nuclear ballistic missile, C-5 military transport and the space shuttle. They are central to the development and production of "stealth" technology in both fighter and bomber aircraft. Lockheed's PAC contributed $283,00 to congressional candidates in 1979-80.

ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL

Manufactures B-1B bomber, involved with MX and Trident nuclear ballistic missile systems, space shuttle, and F-111 attack bomber.

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC

Manufactures launch tubes for Trident and MX missiles. Manufactures components for Cruise missiles, F-16 and F-4 fighters, AWACs aircraft, and drive system components for all major navel ships.

Other companies with major vested interests in military manufacturing and technology include:

BOMBARDIER, VOLKSWAGEN, MARTIN MARIETTA, MERCEDES BENZE, PHILIPS, POLYGRAM / SIEMENS, ROLLS ROYCE, CHRYSLER, FORD, GOODYEAR, GENERAL MOTORS (the list goes on...)

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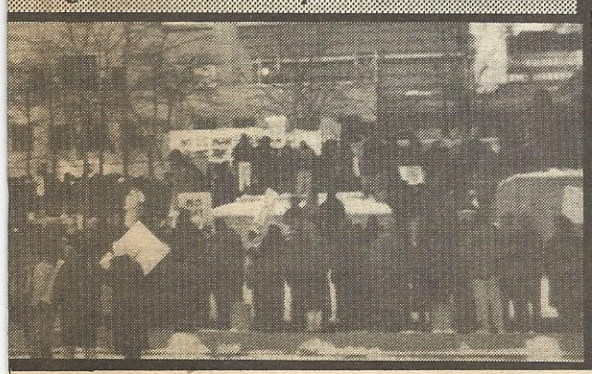
replace the lives of those lost for the government and it's wars. Smoke canisters and firecrackers were put to use which added the affect of instability to our section of the march.

Not surprisingly some of the other marchers took exception to our actions which they dismissed as "violence." Funny thing as that most of these people were much older, white and from at least middle-class background, unlike us who would most directly have to suffer in this conflict. For many of us this is a personal struggle as we'll be the next to die when the draft is effected.

After this things were pretty tame. Too many cops by the White House for any fun, but the small group of counter-protesters (many of them foaming at the mouth and vehemently waving the old glory) made for a brief moment of amusement. However, near the end of the march, black block decided to take a detour of the "legal" march route to the World Bank and IMF headquarters. At least 500-600 people participated in this side march, ready for doing some direct action and self-defense from the cops if necessary. Along the route some bank windows were done-in and graffiti left. There was some confusion when we actually reached the objectives and the police were closing in so retreated back to main march leaving only our graffiti mark (a smouldering crater would have been preferred).

With the cops in pursuit (this reporter was almost run over by a motorcycle riding pork-belly) we rejoined the march. The cops tried to isolate us form the rest of the march but to no avail as they were completely overwhelmed by numbers when the rest of the march walked through the cop line to join us. Someone later said a small scuffle broke out with the cops... all I saw is a motorcycle hit the ground - honest!

This was pretty much the end as we marched into the Ellpse and the black block eventually broke up, after some debate on what to do next, we all went our merry way. I personally had the honor of relieving myself on the Department of Justice building on the way out of the city-center, clearly giving my opinion on our government's sense of justice.



Other protests and actions in the U.S. and Canada occurred in Atlanta, Portland, Philadelphia, Des Moines, Iowa City, Shreveport, Honolulu, Boston, and Los Angeles.

Wednesday, January 15

Amherst, MA: 6000 protest at Anadover AFB

Eugene, OR: An estimated 2000 high school and college students demonstrate a 7:00 A.M.

New York City: Demonstration at the U.N. building.

Sacramento, CA: Post office taken over.

San Francisco, CA: 4000-5000 people blockade Federal Building, preventing 8000 employees from going to work. Another protest stared in the mission district and march towards financial district. Over 30,000 take part and an attempt to shut down the Bay Bridge is made

Seattle, WA: Protestors begin a round-the-clock presence at the federal building. A group of marchers, 1000-1500 strong, took to the streets and blocked intersections. A big rally was held in a downtown square with an estimated 3-5000 in attendance of the course of the day. As the sun set 1500 took to the streets again and marched throughout the city of the course of six hours. Over 500 gathered at the federal building plaza where tents and sleeping bags became numerous.

Washington D.C. 1500-2000 students from Washington D.C. universities boycott classes and attend rally in front of the White House.

Vancouver, Canada: 3000 students protest the war.

Frankfurt, Germany: 8000 people march against the war.

Madrid, Spain: Over 40,000 march to protest the war. Another 35,000 reported in Barcelona

Other class boycotts occured at Southern University in Baten Rouge, and at Indian U. Class Boycotts also took place at high schools in Minneapolis, Chicago, Austin.

Other demonstrations and actions occurred in Boston, Decatur, GA, Iowa City, Salt Lake City, Berkeley, Oakland, Notre Dame, Auburn, AL, University of Kentucky, University of Montana, Eastern Michigan University, University of Michigan, Kent State, University of Minnesota, and the University of Mississippi.

Wednesday, January 16

Arcata, CA: City officials declared their city a sanctuary for anyone who cannot support the Oil War just hours after the bombing began. Under the measure, city employees are not permitted to aid in conscription nor will city funds be used to assist the federal government in enforcement of selective service.

New York City: Thousands of demonstrators poured into Times Square, tore down police barricades and marched on the U.N. where the Security Council was meeting in closed session. After pushing through police lines and barricades, the crowd was finally stopped across the street from the U.N.

San Francisco: Several thousand demonstrators marched back and forth from the Embarcadero to the Castro area, leaving a trail of fire and briefly shutting down the Bay Bridge. Actions took place at the Federal Building and along Market St. Along with lots of property damage against banks and yuppie shops, a California Highway Patrol car was set on fire. Numerous arrests occurred as actions took place across the entire are during the night. Two demonstrators where reportedly injured when a police car smashed into them when they were sitting on the Bay Bridge.

Santa Cruz, CA 1/3 of UC campus (3000 students) rally on campus and join 10,000 to march downtown; blocked highway 17.

Seattle, WA: Federal building blockaded and more spontaneous marches.

Amsterdam, Holland: Over 10,000 people in the streets.

Spontaneous demonstrations, after the news of bombing, also occurred in Vancouver, Canada, at the White House in Washington D.C., NYU, University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Iowa City, Iowa State University, Kent State and Michigan State University,

Other demonstrations and actions occurred at the Illinois Institute of Technology, University of Colorado, University of Montana at Missula, University of Pennsylvania, and Eugene, OR.

Thursday, January 17

Boston, MA: 2500 people show up to blockade JFK Building, then march past the State House and then surprise police by heading to the freeway and blocking traffic.

Chicago, IL: Massive campus protests all over the city - 4000 people take to the streets.

Minneapolis, MN: 2000-3000 people march from Peavy Plaza in downtown Minneapolis through south Minneapolis to Uptown where they blocked traffic at the busy intersection of Hennepin and Lake St.

New York City: Over 10,000 demonstrate in Times Square. A demonstration of 5000 people ended abruptly when a

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This century, over 100 million people have already been killed in war . In World War 1, about 95% of those killed were soldiers. In World War 2, over 50% were civilians. In the 1982 Lebanese war, about 92% were civilians, mostly women and children.* With the modernization of warfare, the battlefields have increasingly become more focused on towns or cities. In a war of attrition, such as the U.S. air campaign against Iraq, the aim is to wipe out the opponents centers of communication, production and transportation. With modern society based on the populations concentrated in cities and towns, the targets are more likely to be near homes who's inhabitants may be little more than innocent by-standers to the conflict. Inevitably, even with the most sophisticated modern weaponry, innocent civilians become the targets, especially to machines which cannot distinguish between citizen and soldier.

Already we have heard reports of Iraqi civilian deaths officially numbering in the 5000-6000 range by Iraqi officials, as casualties of U.S. and coalition force air strikes. With the TNT tonnage equivalent of over 7 Hiroshima-size atom bombs, it would be ludicrous to believe that Iraqi casualties are so low, considering large population centers are frequently targets. While the U.S. praises the pin-point accuracy of their weapons, we've seen failures of the systems and can speculate on their reliability. The Iraqi Scud missiles have been declared a "terrorist weapon", rightly so, on the grounds that it randomly impacts into civilian targets, but we should also realized that a similar tactic is taking place against Iraqis when missiles and bombs stray from their intended targets.

Even so, the U.S. policy is to downplay civilian casualties. Barring radical change amongst the coalition forces, the U.S. will win this war, meaning that there will never be a full accounting for those dead. The U.S. has already kept a veil of secrecy on the subject and has refused to give reliable evidence that U.S. bombing may in-fact pose a serious threat to the fragile ecosystem along the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. With the U.S. targeting factories, refineries, laboratories, reactors, etc., it would be foolish to think that this would not have a long term contaminating effect on the environment and a danger to the population. Iraqi civilian casualties are probably in the tens of thousands already, with some estimates and unreliable reports indicate deaths in the hundreds of thousands. In any case, we'll probably never know the full affects, at least not as reported by the government. In Panama mass graves of massacred civilians are still being uncovered 13 months after the U.S. invasion. U.S. government has stated civilian deaths were less than 100, almost 4000 bodies have been exhumed. Many witness report U.S. soldiers burying the dead during the invasion.

* from *The Gala Peace Atlas*

1973: U.S. drops napalm on village near Rout 1, near Trang Bang: Photo called a fraud by General W. Westorland, who suggested the girl in the picture was burned "in a hibachi accident."

1991: U.S. bombs fallout shelter in Baghdad - Iraq reports over 400 cilians killed. U.S.-led coalition leaders claim target was a "military ocommand bunker"

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car slammed into protestors on the Brooklyn Bridge, injuring seven people. The driver was charged with drunken driving. An estimated 4000 people gathered at the U.N.

San Francisco, CA: Demonstrations and a huge march across the city - police, tailing in buses behind the march, arrest 991 that day (more than any arrested in a single day of the Vietnam War), bringing the total of anti-war arrests in San Francisco to almost 1600.

Santa Cruz, CA: UC campus shut down, recruiting center and highway 17 shut down as well.

Seattle, WA: Federal building completely shut down from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. More spontaneous marches.

University of Massachusetts in Amherst: Demonstrators shut down Calvin Coolidge Bridge and shut down recruiting station.

University of Montana: 20 demonstrators laid down on the court during a televised basketball game.

Washington, DC 1-2000 people block traffic in front of the White House.

Montreal, Quebec: 1-2000 high school students, already on strike since the 16th, walked out of classes in several parts of the city. Students also walked out of classes Malbaie, Quebec.

Vancouver, Canada: 3000 high school students walk out of their schools and march through downtown. Protestors shut down Skytrain.

Amman, Jordan: Egyptian Embassador's residence is stoned by protestors because of Egypt's role in the coalition forces.

Germany: Windows were smashed at banks and the U.S. cultural center in Berlin during a massive demonstration march where militants also attacked and looted posh shops - the police responded using tear gas and water cannons (even though it was well below freezing), finally decending to the streets by beating anyone who came in their way. In Hamburg, over 25,000 marched with over 1000 making up an "internationalistic revolutionary block" smashing bank windows, spray-painting slogans and generally saying what they felt. In other areas of Germany, three fires were set in the diplomatic district of Bonn, over 15,000 marched in Munich, demonstrators shut down train service in Gottingen, and marched with torches past U.S. military bases in Frankfort. A strike was called for against German participation in the war. ARD TV estimated over 100,000 people participated in anti-war demonstrations across Germany on this day - however, eyewitnesses report over 150,000 demonstrators in Berlin alone!

Hiroshima, Japan: Survivors of the 1945 atomic bombing join an anti-nuclear sit-in.

Khartoum, Sudan: At least 10,000 students protest the war.

Milan, Italy: Molotovs are thrown at British school and an American library in protest of the U.S. attack.

Peshwar, Pakistan: Police charge into march of 800 students marching to the U.S. cultural center.

Demonstrations and actions also occurred in Melbourne, Australia, Brussels, Athens and Toronto, as well as Philadelphia, PA, Austin, TX, Madison, WI, Chicago, IL, Cleveland, OH, Boston, MA, Portland, ME, Athens, OH, St. Cloud, MN, Hartford, CT, UCLA, Northwestern University, Washington University, Michigan State, MIT, University of Colorado, Notre Dame, Illinois State University, Arizona State University, University of Illinois at Champaign, and the University of Minnesota in the U.S.

Friday, January 18

Indiana State University: 91 people detained by police in actions of civil disobedience at recruiting station. A large sanctuary for conscientious objectors set up.

Madison, WI: 2000 people block traffic in demonstrations.

Minneapolis, MN: 1000-1500 again block intersection of Hennepin and Lake St. then march to Recruiting Station where they were turned away by police clad with riot gear.

New York City: an estimated 10,000 people march against the war.

San Francisco, CA: Protests and demonstration continue at various places across the city.

Seattle, WA: Riot police arrive to make sure workers can enter and leave the federal building, with some demonstrators helping them, showing their cooperation with the city government! Despite this sell out, demonstrations continued.

In Germany, blockades of military facilities and further actions take place all across the country.

Other demonstrations and events occurred in Montreal, Harvard, MIT, Michigan State University, Ohio State, Cleveland State, Washington University and University of Minnesota.

Saturday, January 19

Minneapolis, MN: Over 1000 attend rally in downtown.

San Francisco: At least 40,000 people marched.

Seattle, WA: A rally at the Peaceworks Park and march to the University district for another rally with other groups. Over 10,000 estimated in attendance.

Washington D.C: Between 25-75,000 people march in front of the White House.

Toronto, Canada: 3000 people march.

Other demonstrations occurred at Mac Dill Air Force Base near Tampa, Florida, Dallas, TX, Chicago and Iowa City.

Monday, January 21

McCallister College, MN: Students march to Interstate 94 everyday this week.

Dhaka, Bangladesh: Over a half a million protest against against the U.S. led attack in the Gulf.

Wednesday, January 23

Demonstration occurred at George Washington University.

Thursday, January 24

Eugene University of Oregon: Massive teach-in with 24 workshops and two huge discussion panels attended by more than 3500

Friday, January 25

Athens, Greece: November 17 (a Greek revolutionary organization) takes responsibility for bombings in Athens including: Citibank, Barclays and the residence on the French Military Attache.

Saturday, January 26

Washington D.C: Between 100,000-200,000 people march in protest against the war in front of the White House. There was an anarchist contingent of about 500 masked marchers forming a Black Block, banners and black flags flying in defiance. Some property damage occurred, but with only minor damage to the U.S. Treasury, the new F.B.I. headquarters, the World Bank office, the FDIC building and other banks.

San Francisco: At least 30,000 poured into the Civic Center plaza after a 14-block march.

Montreal, Quebec: 10,000 people march.

Vancouver, Canada: Over 10,000 march, others do D.A. to armory.

Bonn, Germany: Over 200,000 reported to have marched against the war - over 500,000 march across Germany.

Paris, France: Anti-war demo turned into rioting. A leftist paper, supportive of the war, was bombed.

Lima, Peru: U.S. Consulate is machine-gunned and a car bomb goes off at the airport. A running battle is reported to have taken place between security forces and unknown individuals.

Sunday, January 27

Athens, Greece: Inter-American insurance company and American Express offices bombed. No one is injured - November 17 thought to be responsible.

Monday, January 28

Athens, Greece: an explosion near the British Petroleum offices is again believed to be the work of November 17. Again, no one is injured.

Tuesday, January 29

High school students in 23 cities all across Canada stage walk-outs to protest the war.

Sunday, February 3

Minneapolis, MN: Anti-war activists caused some panic when posting phoney notices informing of a draft enactment all across the city. The action held media attention for several days.

Monday, February 11

Minneapolis, MN: Over 150 anti-war demonstrators and housing activists blockaded freeway busy downtown freeway entrance during rush-hour traffic, across from a decaying homeless shelter.

Other global resistance to the war and Western Imperialism include:

Cairo, Egypt: Eyewitness says police opened fire on hundreds of thousands of people demonstrating the war.

Libya: Over one million people march in demonstrations against U.S. involvement in the gulf. Calls were made for a unified Arab army to confront the U.S.-led Gulf forces

Lima, Peru: U.S. Embassy bombed.

Mexico City, Mexico: Large anti-war demonstrations reported before 1/15.

Pakistan: Over one million have participated in demonstrations against the Gulf War and sending over 11,000 Paki troops there.

Spain: Over two million workers walked off their jobs in protest of Spanish involvement.

Argentina: Over 5000 battle with police during a protest against the dispatch of Argentine warships to the Gulf.

Anti-U.S. demonstrations have a also regularly occurred in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt and Yemen as well.

Some items that were included in this report are from the following sources: *Assault (with intent to free), Minnesota Daily, Northern Sun News, San Francisco Chronicle, Storm Warning, Seattle Resistance Report, Syndicat des Eleves, UPI wire reports, The Village Voice , Ecomedia.*

The Drums of Protest

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 — Since before the Persian Gulf war began, President Bush has been waging a running battle with a small but vigilant band of antiwar protesters beating their drums across the street from the White House.

"Those damned drums are keeping me up all night," Mr. Bush was quoted as telling a group of Republicans soon after the demonstrations in Lafayette Park began. During a news conference at the White House today, the President declared victory over the drummers, triumphantly stating that the incessant noise had been silenced.

But no sooner had the President said that the noise had stopped, then the drumming could be heard by reporters, louder and more determined than ever, from inside the White House press room.

The protesters said it was a coincidence that they began drumming louder as the President was reporting their demise.

Kodiak Barry Easterwood, a retail sales manager from central Virginia, who was pounding a large drum, said the drumming always becomes louder when the lunch crowd fills up the park. "It's one of those sweet things in life that happen sometimes," he said.

ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE

AN INTERVIEW WITH AN A.W.O.L. SOLDIER DESTINED FOR THE GULF

A good friend of ours has returned to us after being gone for a long time...He showed up at a party at the collective house, just after returning to the U.S. AWOL from his Army unit. Here is his story, as interviewed by Profane Existence. We have withheld names and some dates to protect his identity as well as to not aid the government in finding him

How older are you? And what made you to decide to join the Army

Nineteen years old. I foolishly joined listening to their dollar signs. I was in the National guard when I was 17 and I was a naïve kid who thought he could go to college for free, so it was the money I guess. I went into basic training in the summer of 1990, right after I turned 18.

Why do you think most people join the National Guard or the Army?

It's money. The number one reason is money for college. The drill sargent down at Fort Sill asked "Who here joined for college money?" and everyone raised their hand. Somebody said "I joined to defend my country" which was a total lie. He just knew that the drill sargent would get on him if he joined for college money, but he did anyway. That's probably the only reason, especially the National Guard. I could have gone to an expensive college for $200 a year and only have to spend money on books, which is basically free.

Would you say most people who joined were from poorer backgrounds?

Probably. I don't know any people who joined who were rich. President Reagan cut all student aid which made it so inviting to join the military because of the G.I. Bill and all the other programs. All the people who need financial aid now have no way to get it so of course they join the military.

Is there a big difference in pay between the Army and National Guard?

Not really. In the National Guard we were paid pro-rated as far as monthly goes because you only work one weekend a month. You're paid for four days when you only actually work like two eight-hour days - Saturday and Sunday - so you actually get paid better in the National Guard.

What does work in the National Guard entail?

Drinking coffee, eating donuts, smoking cigarettes and bullshit. It's a waste of fucking money. You're supposed to train but the training really comes down to bullshitting with whoever's in your section. My job we used computers to direct howitzers, field artillery.

You started doing that in the National Guard?

Yes. I asked to be retrained when I enlisted in the Army. I tried to go into something else like being a clerk or in supply or something because I didn't really agree with doing such a bullshit thing. They wouldn't reclassify me so I was kind of forced into it.

What made you decide to go into the Army from the National Guard?

Well, Germany was the only reason I joined. I didn't think I was going to have to go to Saudi Arabia. I didn't think things were going to get so full-blown. I hadn't given any thought into going into actual combat. I had been to Germany in 10th grade and I fell in love with the country and I figured I'll go back any way I can. I tried to save money while I was in high school but I couldn't do it. It's hard to save money in high school when you have a job and a car. I wanted to go back to Germany and that was the only option and plus I would get paid to do it. I wasn't really thinking about what I was going to be doing as far as my job was concerned.

When did you actually go from the National Guard to the Army?

That was in July of 1990, so I had no idea that this whole thing was going to start. I could have possibly gotten out of it when I got sent to Germany at the end of September, but like I said I wanted to go to Germany so bad that I didn't even think about actually having to go fight in a war.

What was your first though when you heard of troops deploying in Saudi Arabia?

I thought that President Bush was being to itchy on the trigger finger. He didn't give any time.. He said that he was going to send troops only six days after Iraq invaded Kuwait on August 2 and they were there by the eighth. I didn't understand, especially after I got more informed on the situation, that Iraq told the U.N. and all the surrounding countries he was going to do this and came to the United States and they said "we don't get involved with border disputes." I didn't know that until November of 1990, after I was already in Germany. Then I started to realize it was a fucked up thing to do. For one, he was too itchy on the trigger finger to get troops over there, not giving sanctions enough time to work. Overall consensus was that sanctions would have worked if they were given more time: The GNP of Iraq had been cut by 50%, their imports reduced by 90% and a 100% cut of all imports. They had already started rationing food two months into the embargo. After two months into the conflict I had started to really disagree with it. Then I hadn't even known I was going to go. My love for Germany had blinded me so much that I didn't even think about anything like this until after we got orders that said we were going to end up in Saudi Arabia.

What did they tell you in the Army?

Actually, it was the TV that told us that we were going. We didn't hear from our superiors. We had to find out from the TV which means the civilians knew before we did and that just made a fucked up situation even worse. The military doesn't tell you what's going on. They don't tell you the truth. The information that I got was mailed into me from my parents and that's when I really started thinking about it. The military only has two sources of information; "The Stars and Stripes" and AFN which is "Armed forces Network" which is the T.V. station. Both are completely slanted. It's a real brainwashing thing. The tell you how fucked up Saddam Hussein is, how he has to be stop, but they don't really tell you why you're doing it. Everyone over there was already brainwashed. I ready some articles to these people and they said it was all lies. I mean, what do you believe? AFN? They're going to tell you what you want to hear. Nobody really listened to me.

Do you think a lot of the soldiers were pretty geared-up to go to Saudi Arabia?

Yeah they were, but I'd say the number one reason, which is just so stupid... For example, this is how much thought people put into going and killing people, is, their number one reason for going to Saudi Arabia was that it was warm in Saudi Arabia and it was just getting into winter in Germany. I couldn't deal with that. These people were really stupid and closed-minded: Total conformists.

Where there any others who were having second thoughts?

Not really, or if they did they were keeping quiet. I went to my chain of command and told them what I thought and they shot me down. They told me I was a little piss-head and I didn't deserve the time of day. I wanted to file Conscientious Objector there in Germany through the proper channels, but they wouldn't let me. I was refused the use of my chain of command and I went to seek civilian military counseling. I waited for 40 hours for three appointments which never showed up. I had nothing left to do so I decided to go AWOL.

What was the one thing that made you take that final decision?

It's kind of funny. What finally got me revved up, which is kind of stupid, was went to a movie called "Pump Up the Volume." It's kind of a rellious movie and I watched it and decided fuck-it, I'm going to do it. I had been thinking about going, or at least planning on trying to do something. Of course going AWOL was always a possibility. Like I said I went to see my chain of command, they didn't listen to me. Two days later I went to get other help and couldn't do anything there. After that it was either go AWOL or go to Saudi Arabia. My parents had gotten a hold of somebody in Germany I could stay with until I got my passport. I just talked to them after the movie so I was pumped up... I was just pissed off because I was just thinking about my whole situation throughout the whole movie and, being a rebellious movie as it was, I just got sort of pumped up. I called my parents on that Sunday night and they had gotten a hold of the person that morning. I said, well, I've got somewhere to stay... So I left on the 24th of December and I spent spent that night in a train station.

What does AWOL mean?

Absent without leave - or you fucked up for leaving. You can get in a lot of trouble but that wasn't really on my mind because it was either get in trouble for that or kill someone and have that conscious for the rest of my life, or get killed and have no more life.

What's to stop soldiers, say in Europe, from going AWOL?

For one, you're in Europe. To give you a couple of figures; only 8% of the American population has passports, .01% of that is in the military with a civilian passport. Luckily I was in that .01%. When you're in Europe you have nowhere to go. You can go underground which is very difficult, for one, you stick out like a sore thumb, two, you don't have a passport so if the police ask you can get in trouble if you don't have it with you. There's really nothing for you to do. You're kind of a prisoner of the military.

So you thought it was in your best interest to get back to the U.AS.?

Yes. I had no support in Germany - none at all. My chain of command, civilian help... there was no one who would help me. The Green Party really couldn't help because they've lost a lot of power in the government a few years back - besides I was an American. I had heard stories of Eric Larson, he's a marine decided he was going to file for CO and he was going around. My family had come with all kinds of names and people that could help back in the U.AS. I though, with all that support back there and having the means to get back, I had a passport and the money, and I realized there was no support in Germany, so I left.

What's the usual procedure the military takes when dealing with AWOL soldiers.

well, first they hope you come back, which some people do. Some people really don't have a good reason for going AWOL, their unit moved and the left a girlfriend in another town, or something like that, so they come back. Other people are just sick of the military bullshit and they leave, then they'll come back because they're kind of at a dead end, can't get a job or anything. As far as AWOL goes, the military doesn't put out any kind of warrant for you, unless you're in Germany, which means you can't leave if you're AWOL. They don't put out any kind of warrant out for you until you become a deserter, which, in normal cases, can take up to 90 days after you left. At that time they put out a federal warrant for your arrest and you can get stopped anytime, for a regular, county speeding ticket, or whatever, and there will be federal warrant out for your arrest. At that point you will be incarcerated and sent to jail, then to the brig, and the court-marshaled, then sent to prison.

What do do you think is going to happen to you? What is your situation?

My position is AWOL. As far as I know my unit is in Saudi Arabia. The unit would have to fill out the paperwork that would make you a deserter. I don't think they're going to worry about making me a deserter while the bullets are flying. They're not going to stop and get out the type writer while there's incoming. I don't think they'll do that. I may be AWOL until the war ends, or at least slows down so they can do something. I have no idea.

Have you filed for conscientious objector status?

I tried to. I tried to turn myself in, but they said all they were going to was give me a ticket to Germany, which I would eventually have to pay for out of my own pocket.. One of the big loopholes that fuck up people trying to become conscientious objectors, that while they are doing this they are accepting pay and by accepting pay you are part of the military. They will say you accepted pay for it so you obviously aren't a conscientious objector. They trick you into getting paid somehow, so I can't go back to Germany because that will shot a big hole in my CO case, and they won't take me in America, all they would do is give me a ticket back.

So you're actually going to have to wait until you're in front of a court to present you conscientious objector case?

I don't know if I'm going to be able to do that. When I'm a deserter I'll be able to turn myself in anywhere so I'll probably have to wait until then. I have someone checking on that every week. So as soon as I'm a deserter I can turn myself in and do one of two things. I could get sent to prison, or just they'll just discharge me on a bad conduct discharge.

What is the least they'll do to you?

The least they can do, that would be most beneficial to me, would be for them to review my conscientious objector papers and give me an honorable discharge. I don't really care because the military, as far as I'm concerned, doesn't know anything about honor. Whatever discharge I get I don't care. I'm not planning on using the military in any way as a reference, or anything. I mean I'll lose my chance of getting a VA loan, but I wouldn't do that anyway because I'll just be turning around and supporting something I don't believe in.

What is the worst situation, they don't still execute deserters do they?

It's happened in Vietnam, but that's desertion on the front line - they'll shoot you for that. In my case, probably eight years in prisonment. I hope that doesn't happen to me. I know someone who is in the Naval Reserves and he just went to a meeting where he said they had lowered the sentence because they expected so many people to do this, so they wouldn't flood the prison system, which would mean the maximum of what I could get would be two years. I don't know who I should believe more.

Have you heard any numbers on people deserting?

I really haven't, but I know in Germany more and more people are doing it. They go AWOL in Germany and they have no way of getting back to the states. I really feel sorry for them. they don't want to go over there, they don't want to kill, or they're more selective, like they don't think that this is a just war. I don't think any war is a just war. I've heard of more and more people going AWOL in Germany. It's not that difficult if you know someone. It's not that hard to find a job either paying cash, like some paying up to ten marks and hours. If you know the language it's even easier because you don't stick out as much. You can grow your hair out and just say you're a student.

What about people going public?

Yeah, a lot of people are going public but they are going about it in the wrong way. They're saying that they are conscientious objectors but they haven't done their homework as far as the military is concerned. In order to get CO in the military, you've got to object to war in any form. A lot of people are going CO and are saying this war is not right, but I would fight in other wars. They're not thinking about what they're doing. Their conscientious objection will be totally false because, as far as the military is concerned, they're not CO unless they object to all war. A lot of people have done their homework well enough to be actually discharged from the military.

What kind of feeling have you gotten of public support for conscientious objectors?

I've got sort of a slanted point of view in my favor. Of course, I was involved in "Minnesota Speaks to Washington." I was up on stage during that event at the University of Minnesota at Northrop Auditorium. There was 10,000 people who showed up and were against the war. That was before the war started. Afterwards, again I've got a very slanted point of view, I've been talking with Veterans for Peace, Women Against Military Madness and so on... There's a lot of groups I've been associating with so I feel I have a lot of support, but I don't know how it relates to the rest of society. It's a relatively new thing over the past couple of months and there's very few people in my situation where they made it back to the U.AS.

What does conscientious objector mean?

As far as the military is concerned, if you are CO shouldn't have ever joined in the first place. No I don't know anybody that hasn't changed their point of view over a period of time. They can't have you join the military and expect you not to change. As far as they're concerned.. well it's pretty self-explainatory... you object to all wars, not violence per se, but killing for reasons conscience. As far as I'm concerned, that's about what it is too. I object to killing, I won't kill. I don't want to be killed so I won't kill. I believe in doing on to others as you would want them to do on to you. I don't care what kind of reasons they give me in the Army.

What about being a vegetarian in the military?

I was a vegetarian and I tried to continue to be a vegetarian when I went to Germany and I and continued to be a vegetarian until the middle of November. I started to get weak, I got sick, had diarrhea... They portion their food so that there's a certain portion of this starch and that protein. I had no choice I had to eat meat from the middle of November to when I left. It was pretty much impossible to buy my own food because they didn't pay me enough. I'm a vegetarian again now that I'm back.

Do you have any political beliefs that you wish to discuss?

Well, politically, I've never really agreed with the government. But, like I said, I joined the military because of the money, and I never really put much thought into supporting my country. They were more supporting me more than I was supporting the country. I guess I've called myself an anarchist several times. I do believe in anarchy and I do think it can work.

What have you learned about this whole experience?

I've actually already thought about that. After this whole ordeal is over I plan to schools on the same days recruiters are there, and I'm going to inform myself on other option for financial aid, and sit right next to the military recruiter. I don't believe that people should blindly go into the military like they do. They stupidly join the military thinking they're just going to give you money. I know when I went in people didn't think about fighting. But now that the war has started the people going into the military, of course, will have to think about that.

Do you think the lack of U.S. wars with high casualties in our generation's lifetime has gotten less and less people to think about the ultimate consequences of their enlistment?

Oh yeah. The last war where a lot of people were killed was Vietnam and of course I was a child then, so were you, we were too young to understand. We didn't understand that kind of thing. Perhaps all we learned along the way was that we shouldn't have been there. Of course there's some people that are more educated on it, but people our age don't understand it. Before this started, people didn't think about killing or fighting. It was very unlikely to happen - our only enemy was the Soviet Union and any conflict involving the Soviet Union and the United States would have meant global disaster - so that was unlikely to happen. I didn't think that was possible. I didn't think anyone was stupid enough to "push the button" and end the world.

Is 17 too young for people to join the military?

I know from my experience and I will say this again - I was very naïve. I still was when I went into the Army.

Is the military a safe place for people?

No! It's perhaps a safe place to be as far as financial security is concerned yes, housing yes, food yes. Morally and to continue your life, not at all. They do what they want with you. You are a lower class person. Generally, you're in what could be compared to the Soviet-style Gulag prison; you're there and there's really nothing you can do about it. I think they work very hard to make all their little soldiers the same. They try to conform you into being exactly the same. It goes further than just marching. Like I said, they were brainwashing people into thinking this was a "just war" in Saudi Arabia. They told you just what you wanted to hear, nothing else, no other sources. They make their little soldiers all the same and that's what their job is. The one thing you'll never forget about the military is that they made you just like everybody else. I don't think people are all the same and I don't think they should be.

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TAKE BACK YOUR LIFE

A Wimmin's Guide to Alternative Health Care

This Issue: Everyone's Guide to Understanding AIDS

by Alicia non Grata

This month I am straying a bit from the topic of "Alternative Wimmin's Health Care" in order to provide some information about the "AIDS Virus", how it is acquired and spread as well as practices which avoid it. Although it seems this topic should be well covered and understood, I am constantly amazed at the misunderstandings, panic, and homophobia that I have encountered in the punk / hardcore / metal / "Alternative" (whatever) scene.

So what I'm basically going to do here is to pass on some info from Gay Men's Health Crisis and ACT UP / N.Y. on what exactly AIDS is - how its transmitted, how it can be avoided, who is at risk, and what is "safe sex" and "safer" needle use. I hope primarily to show that AIDS is not a "gay, white male disease" - which is what the media have played it up to be. Consider these statistics:

*AIDS is now the LEADING CAUSE of death for women, ages 19-34 in New York City. It is rapidly becoming the leading cause of death for infants under one year of age.

*Nationally, women now comprise 13% of reported AIDS cases. Women with AIDS are now the fastest growing demographic group of PWA'S (people with AIDS), as well there is reason to believe that the number of women with AIDS is GREATLY underreported (more on that later).

*Nationally, although African American and Latino woman comprise 25% of the population, they represent almost 75% of women with AIDS.

These statistics were taken from end notes of Chapters 1, 2, and 3 of Women AIDS & Activism (see references).

Think because you're heterosexual, or female, or only shoot up drugs occasionally that you aren't at risk? Think Again. All groups of people no matter what your race, sex, or sexual persuasion are affected by AIDS. Later on in this article there's a little questionnaire as to what behaviors are thought to be transmitters of the HIV virus. But now, here's the technical stuff; I tried to use terms easily understood most of the time, but sometimes the medical jargon cannot be avoided.

What is AIDS?

The acronym AIDS stands for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. It is an infectious, transmittable retrovirus - a disease in which your bodies immune system is weakened (compromised) and eventually destroyed. Therefore, people who have the AIDS virus are vulnerable to certain infections/ cancers which a healthy person's immune system would fight off. The two most frequently reported of these infections are Pneunocystitis Carinii Pneumonia (PCP), which is a fungal infection of the lungs, and Kaposis Sarcoma (KS), a rare, atypical form of Cancer. KS, which affects primarily homosexual or bisexual men has shown a decline in the percentage of cases, probably due to safer sex education in the gay community. The percent of cases of PCP has remained high.

Women and the AIDS diagnoses is a completely different story - because the focus of AIDS research is on men and the opportunistic infections they get, women are underdiagnosed by the Center for Disease Control, since they do not fit the disease pattern. There may be different opportunistic infections that affect women infected with the HIV virus (more on this later).

What Causes AIDS?

Most 'traditional' medical / scientific observers believe that AIDS is caused by a retrovirus known as Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). HIV seems to have an incubation period of 5 to 10 years or more (incubation period is the length of time from initial infection to the development of symptoms). HIV damages primarily cells in the immune system in humans, invading and reproducing in T-Lymphocytes and macrophages (two types of white blood cells) as well as brain cells. What happens is eventually these lymphocytes are destroyed, leaving the infected person immune-deficient and vulnerable to attack by viruses, fungi, protozoa, bacteria, and other apsorently opportunistic diseases such as cancers.[1]

HIV infection is believed to be lifelong - even if the infected person is not showing any symptoms of the disease, it still can be transmitted. The number of AIDS cases is monitored; the number of people who are HIV+ is only estimated. The diagnosis of AIDS is given to an HIV+ person when a predetermined set of opportunistic infections or cancers are discovered and can be medically documented or when either a waisting syndrome (large weight loss) or HIV dementia (changes in mental alertness) are identified.[2] The problem here for women who are HIV+ is that many are dying of opportunistic infections without ever receiving the diagnosis of AIDS. Without this diagnosis, they are excluded from the statistics - and getting counted and treated while they are still alive! Some believe that chronic, untreatable Candida Albicans (yeast) infections and Pelvic Inflamitory disease (PID) are two opportunistic infections that afflict HIV+ women and are signs of a failing immune system.

How is HIV Transmitted?

HIV is transmitted by any practice that puts your bloodstream in contact with an HIV infected persons blood or semen. Saliva and tears are considered unlikely sources of transmission and have not been linked to transmission of HIV - contact with feces (shit) of an infected person, may pose a greater risk of transmission due to the possible presence of blood in the feces. HIV has also been identified in the breast milk, as well as cervical and vaginal secretions, and menstrual blood. As well, it may be that HIV may directly infect the cells of the inner lining of the vagina and cervix in male/female sex, in anal sex (no matter what the sex of the one receiving is) transmission to the "insertive" partner is believed to take place through exposure of the male urethrae mucus membranes with contaminated body flüids. Several cases of AIDS have been attributed to the ingestion of cervical/vaginal secretions as well as breast milk.[3]

What are the Highest Risks for Transmissions?

1. Contaminated blood or blood products for transfusion or injection.
2. Contaminated needles, syringes, bulbs, works, or cookers.
3. Unprotected anal intercourse with an infected person; primarily for the "receptive" partners whether male or female (the partner whose ass is getting fucked). HIV may be transmitted by the ripping of the rectal tissue and subsequent bleeding which provides access for the infected sperm to the bloodstream; recent evidence also suggests that the HIV may directly infect the inner lining or wall of the colon, which includes the anus and rectum.
4. Unprotected vaginal intercourse with an infected partner.
5. Ingestion of infected partners seminal fluid (pre-cum), ejaculate (cum), cervical or vaginal secretions, breast milk, blood or any body fluids or secretions that are contaminated with blood.

Who is at Risk For Contracting HIV?

It is not your sexual preference or race or sex which puts you at risk of HIV infection - it is your behaviors. To assess your own risk for contracting HIV, answer the following yes or no questions for the year 1977 to the present: (taken from Women, Activism, and AIDS).

*Have you used drugs or alcohol to the point of impaired judgment and memory loss (i.e. got really, really fucked up) and went home with someone and didn't remember what you did?

*Have you had unsafe sex (see "What is Safe Sex") by consent or by force?

*Did you receive a blood transfusion or blood products before 1985? (In mid 1985 a test was developed to screen blood for HIV.)

*Have you shared unsterilized hypodermic needles or other drug works, or shared unsterilized needles, safety pins, etc. for tattooing or piercing?

*Have you had a needlestick injury involving an HIV+ blood sample?

*Have you had unscreened artificial inseminations?

*Have you had unsafe sex involving oral contact with blood or vaginal fluids of a woman who has shared unsterilized needles or who has unsafe sex with a man?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then you may be at risk for HIV infection.

What Is Safe Sex?

Safe sex is taking responsibility for your sexual behavior to protect yourself and your partners against the transmission of HIV. Safer sex is more than a list of can/cannot practices, it is a way of exploring sexuality in ways that do not put you or your partners at risk. As well, safer sex can not only protect you from the HIV virus but also for women unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases such as Syphilis, Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, Chancrord, Herpes, and Hepatitis B. As well, safer sex protects people who are HIV+ from reinfection with the virus which could accelerate suppression of the immune system and from other infections.[4,5]

Safer sex basically involves any practice that does not allow blood, semen, or vaginal secretions to be exchanged from person to person. Currently the best protection against HIV infection transmission are barrier methods - when sex includes the possibility of blood, semen, or vaginal fluids to enter the bloodstream through the mouth, vagina, or anus. Barrier methods include condoms, dental dams (square sheets of latex recommended for oral sex and rimming, available through your dentist, medical supply houses, or gay organizations), heavy gage household wrap (Seran, Glad Wrap,etc), latex surgical gloves, and fingercoats, which fit over one finger instead of the whole hand.

With any type of latex barrier be sure to use a safe lubercant such as K-Y. Don't use Vaseline, baby oil, vegetable oil, or moisturizing lotion (which contains chemicals that dissolve latex). Lubricants such as Stroglide and Foreplay (available at sex shops, etc.) are water based and contain nonoxynol 9 or octoxynol 9 - spermicides which also inhibit the transmition of HIV.

Blood and semen contain the highest concentration of HIV. Vaginal secretions have a lower concentration of HIV, but high enough to create a risk of transmition. Although HIV is found in trace amount in saliva, there is no evidence that HIV can be transmitted this way, because saliva does not have enough HIV to transmit the virus the possibility from an infected person to someone he or she is eating out is extremely low; however bleeding or infections in the mouth and cuts and genital sores such as herpes could make the risk viable. The risk posed by vaginal secretions alone is relatively low but it can be raised easily by several factors including heavy vaginal secretions, vaginal infections such as Chlamydia or yeast (the infected secretions contain white blood cells which contain HIV and therefore increase the concentration of HIV in vaginal fluids.[5]

It is extremely important now to know what a healthy vagina and labia look like. Regular self-checks with a plastic speculum, mirror, and flashlight, can show you if there are any cuts, abrasions, or unusual secretions that could put you more at risk of contracting HIV. As well take a good look at your partners genitals before preforming oral sex.

For the person doing the licking, sucking, the susceptibility to HIV is how healthy he/she is from the lips to stomach. Some routes for HIV to be transmitted include cold sores, bleeding gums, sore throats, and ulcers. Avoid brushing or flossing your teeth (which can cause bleeding) and smoking (which opens up blood vessels in your throat) before or after sex.

For vaginal / anal intercourse, whether you have sex with men or women, the guidelines are the same - use a latex rubber and a water based lubercant, preferably one that contains a spermacide, unwrap the condom carefully so that it doesn't tear, put a drop of lube inside of the tip of the rubber (which makes it feel better) unroll it all the way down (don't put lube on the inside of the rubber, the shaft, this will help keep it from falling off). If your condom doesn't have a reservoir at the end for the cum, leave a half inch at the top while you unroll it. Put some lube on the outside of the rubber as well as on the vagina or asshole (your asshole needs extra lube because it does not lubricate itself during sex - extra lube can keep the rubber from breaking). Never reuse a condom.

If you're giving a man a blowjob, he should wear a condom from start to finish. Unlubed condoms taste better than lubed; it may help the taste to wipe off the powder that lightly covers the condom. You can also make your own "topping" by using syrups, jellies, etc. - just make sure you don't use anything with oils, alcohol, or animal fats in them as they will deteriorate the rubber. If your healthy from your lips to your stomach (i.e. no cold sores, ulcers, etc.) risk of exposure to HIV may be reduced if you don't let your partner come in your mouth or swallow his cum.[6]

Cunnilingus (eating out a woman) and rimming are safest when a barrier is used to cover the vagina / asshole. Dental dams can be used; they are commonly advocated by health care workers). To use a dental dam, cover the side that goes against the vagina with lube, and hold in place with your hands (or your partners). Dental dams are really thick and some women have complained that they don't allow for much feeling. You can also cut the tip off of a rubber (condom) and slit it lengthwise or cut out the palm of a surgical glove. Another alternative (though untested) is ordinary plastic wrap such as Seran, Handi-wrap, Gladwrap, etc. Make sure you use a brand that is heavy enough - to test for porousness, you can wrap a cut onion the plastic - if you can smell the onion its not thick enough to prevent the HIV from passing through.

Use latex gloves for anal and vaginal finger and fist fucking if you have cuts or openings on your hands, or you bite or clip your nails too short. Also, never go back and forth from anal to vaginal sex without changing the condom. If you use any sex toys, dildos,eyc., you should put a condom on it if it is passed from person to person - or you can use your own, exclusively. Some dildos can be boiled to sterilize them.

Safer Needle Use

Basically what it all boils down to is DON'T SHARE NEEDLES - whether for shooting drugs, piercing, or tattooing. If you shoot up, get your own needles and works - don't use anyone else's, - don't share any part of your works (needles, syringes,and cookers) - don't share or reuse cottons. If you have to share, or if you rent needles from a gallery, or buy them unbagged or rebagged, you must clean them thoroughly.

Clean your works, or any needles being used for tattooing or piercing by:

(1) Pour rubbing alcohol (ethanol) into a clean glass (available at a drug store)
(2) Pull alcohol up into syringe through needle, shake well, squirt out alcohol.
(3) Repeat several times.
(4) Take works apart.
(5) Let entire set of works soak in alcohol for 10 to 15 minutes.
(6) Pour alcohol out.
(7) Let works dry.

Another method to clean needles ect. is household bleach -

(1) Pour 1 ounce of bleach and 9 ounces of running tap water in to glass or cup. Repeat steps from before, using this bleach solution rather than the alcohol. Rinse works well, using running water from a faucet.

In Conclusion...

Well that about wraps it up. Keep in mind that safe sex does not necessarily mean monogamy - as long as the sex is always safe, it doesn't matter how many partners you have. The Health Department / Government agencies may want you to believe that AIDS is some divine retribution for "unnatural" behavior and say that heterosexual monogamous relationships are the only true ways to completely avoid the AIDS virus. Any return to a false sense of morality can only lead to misinformation and shame and guilt, the death rate will sky rocket (as does the teenage pregnancy rate - another example of false morality being imposed. Keep this in mind when you read about AIDS in the newspapers and who are the sources you are getting your information from. I have found that the Gay and Lesbian community have the most up to date and accurate information about AIDS and the HIV virus. It is only through safe sex and needle use education that we can slow down and stop the rate of transmission. As well, a bit of direct action towards those who would keep us ill is desperately needed! Act Up! Fight Back! Fight AIDS!

Please write to one of the organizations below if you feel you want to be tested for HIV. The issue was too long and complex to get into here so I leave it to those more knowledge in the subject than I.

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Basically all the info for this article was taken from the book "Women, AIDS, and Activism" By the ACT UP / N.Y. Womens and AIDS Book Group and a pamphlet by Gay Men's Health Crisis called "Medical Answers About AIDS" (In some cases in this article I have copied word for word, I foot noted because I wanted to make sure I got my information absolutely correct).

For More Information...

ACT UP New York (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power)
496 Hudson St.
Suite 4G
New York, NY 10014
(212) 989-1114

Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC)
129 w 20th St.New York, NY 10011
(212)807-6655

Some pamphlets available that I used as resources...

"Brothers Loving Brothers Safely", "The Safe Sex Condom Guide for Men and Women", "Woman Need to Know About AIDS", "Women Loving Women - Safer Sex", "Medical Answers About AIDS" Write for information.

National AIDS Hotline (Toll Free):
1-800-342-AIDS (2437) English
1-800-344-SIDA (7432) Spanish

Teens and AIDS Hotline (Toll Free):
1-800-234-TEEN

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MUSIC REVIEWS

ACCUSED-"Murder in Berkeley"-7"
Two songs recorded live, terrible sound quality that sounds like it was done on a walkman, includes a goofy dude coming on stage and telling everybody not to stage dive. Ltd. to 1000, red vinyl. (Felix)
Smilin' Ear Recs./P.O. Box 47655/San Antonio, TX 78265

ADVERTS "Live at the Roxy" LP
Recorded live in '77 this LP captures one of the major punk bands of the era rocking out with angst. Sound quality is really good considering it's almost 13 years old. Fas of old punk should check this out (Felix)
Receiver Records / Tyman House / 31-39 Camden Road / London NW1 9LF / England

AGOTHOCLES "Fascination of Mutilation" 7" flexi
Five tracks recorded live in 1989. AGOTHOCLES sound very much like Napalm Death in the "Scum" era. Indeed, much of the riffing here seems to be highly... uh, influenced by the big n.d. This doesn't come with lyrics but with medical diagrams on the back and a song title like"Consuming Endoderme Pus" you can guess OK? A wicked piece plastic by any standard (sounds like a waste to me -Ed)
Rigid Records / 7215 N. Highland Avenue / Tampa, FL 33604

ALIENATION "Terror In The Ant Hill-EP
Mid-tempo hardcore with pretty smooth vocals. The lyrics seem a little more personal than political. Pretty original sound which is really impressive. Get it, you'll like it! (glitter) Tight, rockin punk that reminds me of ZOUNDS, but much harder. 2 1/2 punk points (Felix)
Alienation / 48 diglis road / Worchester WR5 3BW

AMAZING SCREAMING WILLIES-"Ned the Bobbo" 7" ep
Matallic punk rock from 3 mohicans and a longhair, silly lyrics. (Felix)
Weird Recs./61 London Road/Balderton/Newark Notts/N.G 24/1RZ/ England

ASBESTOSDEATH "Dejection EP"
Beyond the bounds of brutality - far beyond anything we expected. No comparisons anymore as ASBESTOSDEATH have pushed beyond current definition. Just the gloomiest of grind is the closest words mortals can uttter as description. One song is an instrumental; no words needed to get the message across. Play loud on an excessively large stereo after the sun goes down and you'll probably get the neighbors to think there;s an Earthquake happening!
Profane Existence Records

BELCHING BEET "You Know the Holes are Empty Because There's Nothing Inside" EP
Nine tracks of death metal in the Napalm Death kind of style (?). The lyrics cover topics such as vivisection, Russian invasion of Afghanistan and so on. The tunes aren't typical ND and do show some originality, but I think it's the boring drum beat and vocals that put me off. I'd give it a four out of ten. (Fluff McDeath)
Watschi Watolla / Steinstr. 8 / 7141 Steinheim / Germany

BORN AGAINST "Eulogy" 7 inch
Two classic BORN AGAINST tracks. While painfully short, this 7" makes for a great compliment to DEAR JESUS zine #37 (see zines) which it came with. Music is slow to mid-tempo thrash. Lyrics on both songs assault the brainwashing effect of religion on the masses, Christianity and Hari Krishnaism in particular here.
Vermiform / P.O. Box 1145 / Cooper Sta. / New York, NY 10276

BORN AGAINST 7" EP
BORN AGAINST are definitely one of my current favorite bands. This EP just rips out with angst and energy. The production is way cleaner than on their demo, but it's still heavy. Sam just lets out the most crazy, chaotic vocals at times, but always makes the lyrics up-front and in your ears/face. BORN AGAINST have a great style of grungy hardcore that is catchy, but their lyrics seem most important. Sexism, nationalism, propagandizing and religious oppression are challenged lyrically and I can't say enough about all the newspaper clippings printed and total package of this EP. They're really cool personally too! (Markstein)
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BRUTAL TRUTH 1990 demo
This demo blows most grindcore bands away! The production on this tape is excellent. This band features Danny Lilker of NUCLEAR ASSAULT on bass and some lead vocals and his ability to make a band click really shows. It's catchy, but very crusty, brutal thrash. The lyrics are on paar with the music talking about ignorance and how it leads to racism and homophobia. (Markstein)
$3 ppd from Brutal Truth c/o Scott Lewis / 37-57 81st Avenue, Apt. 4B / Jackson Heights, NY 11572

CONSPIRACY OF EQUALS-"Feel The Beauty" 7" EP
With a blend of Neurosis, Subvert, and perhaps a bit of old Social Unrest sound/influence, this is an excellent new release from C.O.E. Continuously changing musical variations (but that remain consistent) and lyrics that bring out the dismal reality that we are a race of violence and destruction yet bring out a tinge of hope that by acknowledging the beauty and learning that by first sustaining the Earth we can in turn sustain ourselves. A truth yet to be realized by too many people. (Hyzenthlay)
Old World Records/Jagerstr. 19/3150 Peine/W.Germany

CRIVITS-"Back With A Message" 7" EP
OK; get out your decoder (to reveal this very important message)!! "It's not just a fad to wear an X on your hand, it divides me from you." As with many straight edge bands, they, in one instance will preach "unity within the hardcore scene" and the next song down the line they talk about straight edge dividing them from everyone else.. Another European band latching on to that catchy American (N.Y.) hardcore sound. Their message then? "So many kids who could be friends, a strong united scene, with open minds and open hearts, THE GREATEST SLAMPIT EVER SEEN" ha ha- enough of the quotes and sillyness in general! Unity through division? End of review. (Hyzenthlay and 2 other bystander victims)
Old World Records/Jagerstr. 19/3150 Peine/W.Germany

CHEAP-Untitled 7"
T.V. Smith formerly of the ADVERTS returns to music with a pretty standard U.K. pop sound. Maybe sort of like the Boomtown Rats. (Felix)
No address, available from AYF Dist

COWBOY KILLERS- KKK wives on holiday EP
These guys remind me a little of earlier punk days. Real simple straight ahead hardcore sound. They're a U.K. band, but released this one on a U.S. label so its cheaper for North Americans to get. That's a good idea, oh yeah, its on red vinyl for all you collectors! (glitter)
Sound Pollution Records/p.o.box 6072/ Florence,KY 41022-6072

CRINGER/HOPEFUL MONSTERS-split 7" ep
Two songs each, Cringer play pop-punk similar to Screeching Weasel. Hopeful Monsters play a somewhat more raw punk with rasping vocals. This is a theme record on laws, police and prisons comes with a hefty booklet of opinions, facts, and fiction by the makers of the record. Cool.
3 Punk Points. (Felix) Available from AYF Dist.
Hippycore Records/P.O.Box 195 Mesa AZ 85211

DEATHCORE "Spontaneous Underground" LP
Pounding, thrashing, ripping deathcore from DEATHCORE! Powerful, brutal, insane lyrics are environmental/political, basically dealing with the world situation.
Nuclear Blast / Dr. Frey Straße 54 / 7322 Donzdorf / Germany

DIET OF WORMS-"Aren't You Hungry?" 7" EP
A release done in good humor. Self described as play fast, learn how later; I couldn't think of a better way to describe it. They really prove that anyone CAN do it! Sounds like it was done in the most basic, costwise manner (i.e. in a garage or basement with a tape recorder!) Never mind the sound quality though-what a good laugh! The classic outcome of 4 bored kids from a redneck U.S. town. They only lasted until 1984 but felt they'd leave this behind to show for their activity in the spawning Oklahoma scene. Song titles are even in Japanese! (Hyzen.)
Old World Records/Jagerstr. 19/3150 Peine/W.Germany

DIRGE-"Fleshcrawler" mini LP
Rumbling base that reminds me of Misery and guitars that, at times, are a little too metalically clean cut; or perhaps it's just that they're good musicians? Seems to me that they're influenced by bands like Amebix (but don't sound like them) Lyrics deal with topics varying from corporate industry and their disregard for the productionline workers who keep this whole mess of a world running, "psycho" religion, nationalism, the mental evolution (or devolution) of the scenes/communities we've come to today, and a song dealing with feelings of frustration and anger turning to hatred. Though they sometimes come across negative, this is a band who would like to see this all turn into a "total creative, manic situation" and are a band with perhaps a lot of potential. (Hyzen.)
Old World Records/Jagerstr. 19/3150 Peine/W.Germany

DISTORTED TRUTH-"Victim of the Law" 7"
Pretty good '77 style punk rock (complete with sing-a-longs) from a band that I've never heard of. Good music (with some reggae and a bit o' ska) but no lyric sheet was provided. Could use some better mixing and production, but overall a good record. If you get into the Clash or DOA, try this one. (Newt)
Green Vomit / Centre 5 West / North St. / Aberdeen AB23AT / England

DOM DAR "Skrattar Bäst Som" 12" EP
This is over a year old but still worth reviewing for people who haven't heard this Swedish outfit. Seven songs here, three in English, four in Swedish. It's melodic but aggressive hardcore, covering topics such as vivisection, anti war, acid rain, etc. It sometimes touches slightly on a bit of metal but in no way is this thrash metal - just good and noisy and listenable anarcho-punk. Fucking excellent - don't miss out on this. (Flüff McDeath)
Dom Dar / Mörnersväg 50A / 352 38 Växjö / Swedën

DOOMWATCH "Crankin '21" 7"
Two rockin' hardcore/metal songs sort of like KISS meets HALFLIFE meets LEEWAY. Rock out, dude! (Felix)
B.U.F. Records / P.O. Box 14281 / Pittsburg, PA 15239

DOUBLE THINK "Slave to Machine" demo
This demo is some good, if somewhat typical punk/hardcore. Their lyrics are well-written with very straight-forward themes. They take stands against racism and the raping of the environment. They really stress individuality from government. Good package and only $2 in the U.S. and Canada (what is this? NY!) and $2.50 everywhere else. (Markstein)
Yannick (English speaking) / 30 PL. Leonard / Buckingham, Que / JBL 1T7 or Karl (French speaking) / 677 Rov / Buckingham, Que. / JBL 2X7 / Canada

DWARVES "Blood, Guts and Pussy" LP
I can't believe there is so much hype about this record at MRR, I think everyone on their staff but Lance loves this record and has it on their top 15. It's like these Dwarves dudes weren't making any money playing rock and Sub Pop told them to make a record that would sell or else. So these dudes went out and got some MISFITS and ANGRY SAMOANS records and copied the riffs note for note, then added a bunch of "shocking" moronic sexist lyrics (song titles like "skin poppin'slut","gash wagon",and of course"let's fuck" give you some idea) Put some naked women on the cover and the next thing you know their punk rock stars. I swear Malcolm McLaren is behind this. Another thing, this sells as a full length LP(I don't know how much they're asking for it 'cos my copy is stolen) but there's about six minutes a side, that's less than a lot of bands put on a 7" (see ONE BLOODS ep below)Great rock'n roll swindle II. MRR and S.F. scene revels in glowing admiration as SUBPOP, DWARVES, and I swear,Malcolm McLaren, laughing all the way to the bank. -2 Punk Points (Felix)

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the sound quality is poor. 1 3/4 punk points (Felix)
Heart First Records / Florian Helmchen / Boeckstrasse 39 / 1000 Berlin 61 / Germany

GULAG "Big Talk" 7" EP
Here's a new release from a 5 year old band coming from the north of Greece. Lyrics are in both Greek and English and vary from apathy/ people being all talk and no action to travelers and their alternative lifestyles. Catchy songs that you'll probably find yourself whistling a few hours after you listen to it! (Kalamity K.)
Wreck Age Records/ 451 Broadway 2nd floor/ New York, NY/ 10012

HEILAND SOLO Lp
HEILAND SOLO (from Austria) play some pretty dischordiant muzak, at times almost psychadelic. The guitarist is the main instrument here, and he seems to be a big fan of Jimi Hendrix. A pretty wild record. (Newt)
Sacro Egismo Rec / c/o Tiverîju / Schelleing.39 24 / 1040 Wien / Austria

HIATUS 7" EP
Belgian thrash meets CRUDE S.S. in Sweden five years ago. This is the sort of great metalish hardcore that got me into punk so many years ago and I still love it today. Side one has three metalish mid-tempo hardcore songs while side two is faster and thrashier (with exception of the last song). The lyrics are political but simple enough to not be a mouthful. Somehow I get the feeling they really live up to their beliefs and are not just jumping a trend. One hot slab of vinyl here... You'd be a fool not to track this one down and enjoy a listen or two, or three, or...
Urban Alert Records / B.P. 21 / 93340 Le Raincy / France

HITTING BIRTH "Hits of Birth" cassette
This is a sorta of industrial, experimental style music. It sounds really good, however the band claims to get full listening satisfaction, "come see us live". They also have intelligent socially conscience lyrics. Definitely some fresh air compared to all the trendy, cheesy crust bands around. (glitter)
Hitting Birth / p.o.box 4112/ Portland,OR 97209

ISRAELVIS "Half Past Heaven" LP
So to me this sounds like another speed-thrash record. Which is okay,but it reminded me to much like METALLICA during the guitar leads for me to really get into this record. Never the less, it does Thrash and they do play their instruments really well, I just heard it all before and it failed to move me. O hell un to ya any wayz! Thrash heads will like it.
Den Gode Firkant Records/ Lilloseterveien 56B /0957 OSLO 9/ NORWAY

INSURGENCY 7"
Four blasts of powerful thrash recorded in '85 from this defunct (83-85) outfit. Reminds me of old FINAL CONFLICT, DIATRIBE, C2D, Etc. Cucial. 2 1/2 punk points.
Heart First Records / Florian Helmchen / Boeckhstrasse 39 / 1000 Berlin 61 / Germany

JACK SCRATCH "Candy from a stranger" Double 7"
Basic Rock'N'Roll, pretty neat packaging, two colors of vinyl. (Felix)
P.O. Box 146702/ Chicago IL, 60614

JAWBOX 7" EP
Their first release on Dischord Records, Jawbox enter on the vinyl scene with a swirling, beating sound. Ex-GI Jay Robins, vocals, merge right in with the other instruments making it a whole sound instead of individual. Slightly reminiscent of Hüsker Dü but not as grating. Good, solid first release. I'm eagerly awaiting their forthcoming LP and U.S. tour. (Iggy)
Dischord

JESUS CHRUST / APOSTATES split cassette
This is another great production by Greenearth Tapes and is a benefit for Greenpeace. The JESUS CHRUST side is powerful hardcore/ punk from the NYC JESUS CHRUST, not to be confused with the band from Massachusets with the same name. They play a style that is not unlike early NAUSEA and have dual vocals with sing-along crusty choruses. APOSTATES are also a NYC punk band but are a bit more toned down in intensity while not losing the audience. Both bands are excellent and have meaningful punk rock lyrics. Remarkable sound quality for a live cassette.
Greenearth Tapes c/o Pedro Seabra / 96 B Frederick Str. / Cartertet, NJ 07008

LAST RITES "Fascism Means War" EP
Pretty punk lookin with swatstikas (Shown negatively of course), gas masks, U.S. flags etc. These songs don't really cover any new ground, but are worth listening to. The last tune includes a really funky guitar solo. Nothing too new but still good. (glitter) This is a trip back in time to the days of VARUKERS, CHAOS U.K. and ABRASSIVE WHEELS. In fact I'd swear this record was made in 1983 not 1991. (Felix)
Last Rites / flat 4A, 6l, Balgrayhill Rd., Springburn, Glascow G2l 3XF

LIBIDO BOYS "Odeprot / The Mind's Eye" EP
The LIBIDO torpedo is on the lose again with a single-sided EP that was pressed in limited quantities and given away free at their last Minneapolis gig. "Odeprot" has yet to be released on vinyl although we've got it on a few cassettes, while "The Mind's Eye" is a newer song dealing with mind-control, dealt with in the round-about LIBIDO fashion. the real bonus is that the flipside has a really groovy hand silk-screened cartoonage on it.
Red Decibal Records.

MEDIA CHILDREN "But they Still Ignore" EP
This is a great record. It reminds me a little bit of the old peace punk band DIRT. The lyrics are political/ social and the package includes a great layout with lots 0' info. 25 disco points. (glitter)
Mass Media Records / P.O. Box 2692/ Costa Mesa, CA. 92626

MFD "Storm" 7" EP
This was the only record that I got that contained no lyric sheet, nor am I familiar with this band, so I don't really know what to say about them as lyrics are such a prime importance of a bands communicative function!! Pretty basic punk rock stuff here. As far as what I can gather they have a heathy combination of ideas and musical abilities - judge for yourself. Not a bad production.
Old World Records/ Jagerstr. 19/ 3150 Peine/ W. Germany

PUNGENT STENCH "For God Your Soul, For Me Your Flesh" LP
Crucial death grindcore, heavy as petrified shit, brutal as Manson on PCP. Lyrics? You guessed it! Gore and Death. Musically my pick of the month, lyrically unexciting. (Felix)

NAIVE "Switch-Blade Knaife" Lp
NAIVE are from the Soviet Union, true, and they even have some pretty good tunes. The only thing is, there are a zillion bands coming like NAIVE coming out of the L.A. glam circuit playing this same style of music ('77 Sex Pistols mixed in with current equipment and hard rock). I could be wrong, but NAIVE have the look and sound of FASTER PUSSYCAT, who also took their roots from the Sex Pistols. Probably won't go over well with the punks of today or people who hate the Sex Pistols. (Newt)
MRR Records / P.O. Box 288 / Berkeley, CA 94701

NIMROD "Cunttroll" flexi
One song flexi from an American band living in Japan. Monotone bass, vocals that sound like they were recorded over a telephone; I think it's supposed to be slow a monotonous but I'm not 100% sure I had it on the right speed - beets the fuck out of me. Maybe this is someone's art school project.
Bron Records / Masahiko Nakabayashi / 2-10-7-506 / Shimoshinjo / Higashi Yodogawa / Osaka 533 / Japan

NOCTURN "Shades Of Insanity" 7" EP
Though this is a full fledge jump into the rhelm of crossover, this is probably one of my favorite releases yet from the Old World label. Lyrics are pretty gloomy but well written. The two songs deal with destruction, war, and barbarism - the shady politics of the warlords and how they view the world as black and white. Perhaps it's a topic to be expected of a "typical" crossover band,but that's not to say that it's a tiresome subject or become any less important either. They've got a good start; I only hope that they don't "cross over" any further (i.e. into big business)! (Hyzenthlay)
Old World Records/ Jagerstr. 19/ 3150 Peine/ W. Germany

NO FISH ON FRIDAY Lp
A pretty interesting Austrian band, NFOF have a few similarities to SNFU, especially in the vocal department. NFOF are very together as a band; I like what I hear. (Newt)
Sacro Egoismo Rec / c/o Tiberiju / Schelleing.39 24 / 1040 Wien / Austria

NUKEY PIKES "Three Man and a Monkey" 7"EP
I know everyone out there is saying "Is there any Japanese hardcore Felix doesn't like?" Well, that's a good question, send in more to review and we'll see. This is ripping, pulsing pure thrash power with some stylistic breakaways from the pack. Lyrics are silly "Can you get disco? We can not" and "Take the funny way", but the music is rippin' good. 3 punk points. (Felix)
Heart First Records / Florian Helmchen / Boeckhstrasse 39 / 1000 Berlin 61 / Germany

ONE BLOOD untitled EP
Hardcore thrash with personal and political lyrics, includes a booklet of band members opinions on racism, they squeezed over 15 minutes of music on this seven inch, at the expense of sound quality, still a cool release. 2.5 punk points (Felix)
Lobotomy Exchange Recs./4981 hwy #7 East/Unit 12A/Box 211/L3R 1N1/Canada

OUTO LP
This LP contains three 7"s I never knew existed plus some unreleased material. I you have the "Thrash 'Til Death" comp. you know what OUTO sound like: Intense thrash with a heavy DISCHARGE, ANTI-CIMEX, CHAOS U.K. influence - buzzsaw guitars and barking vocals. 4 punk points
Revoltation Records / P.O. Box 49 / Scarborough, North Yorkshire / YO11 1AA / England

RANDOM KILLING "Kicked In The Nuts: A True Story!!" 7"
Thoughts about war, dogs, cities, and more...all encompassed into a Misfits-style music. Pretty catchy tunes, and good mixing as well. (Newt)
Resistance / P.O. Box 426 / 8026 Zürich / Switzerland

RAW NOISE 7"
Four songs off all-out thrash - very Swedish - in the vein of DISCARD. This has members of EXTREME NOISE TERROR, but while being in existence longer, have just now released their first 7". It's fast, in fact it's over before you know it! They should have made this 33 RPM and added a dozen more songs! There is nor lyric sheet included but I'm sure you'll have no problem figuring out what the songs are about. My favorite is "Stench of Death(metal)"
Dean Jones / 162 Downside Close / Ipswich, Suffolk, 1P2 9 LW / England

RESIST "Liberation" cassette
I was never able to hear their debut EP (United States of Apathy), but there is a live track of this song on the cassette which reminds me a bit of early Ripcord. The 6 new songs here are to be featured on their upcoming LP. Judging only from the differences in the live track and the new ones, it seems as if they've smoothed out their sound and become a bit more polished. Well written lyrics on topics such as the oil war, government greed and control, and wimmin's liberation. It would be good to see them extend their lyrical abilities even further into more length and depictability. Make sure to check out the new LP this spring, and this cassette is available for $2 from:
Ward Young/3206 SE Rex st. / Portland, OR/97202

RHYTHM ACTIVISM "Perogys, Pasta and Liberty" Cassette
This is a two-member band who perform quite a variety of styles to incorporate their politics into music. This cassette marks their 7th release, recorded in one of their living rooms with a remarkable sound quality. Songs range from classic anarchist folk music to humorous commentary done over a musical background. Quite an interesting mix incorporating the depth of styles which makes bands such as CHUMBAWAMBA and THE EX stand out. This Canadian band joins East and West in the struggle for freedom and anarchy. This is highly entertaining and highly recommended.
$7 ppd. from RHYTHM ACTIVISM c/o Les Pages Noires / 3699 Hutchinson / Montreal, Quebec H2X 2H4 / Canada

RIGHTEOUS PIGS "Stress Related" LP
Evil grindcore with heavy rhythems and insane riffing. This record has a pulsing sort of psychotic quality which makes you question your sanity. Predictable death/gore/insanity lyrics. (Felix)
Nuclear Blast / Dr. Frey Straße 54 / 7322 Donzdorf / Germany

RORSCHACH "Remain Sedate" LP
I was thoroughly impressed by this LP and it's power and emotion are awesome. RORSCHACH do hardcore with nods to grind and thrash with great intensity. Their lyrics take some thought and interpretation, but express pretty clearly their disgust with human apathy and lack of compassion. A very worthy buy for anybody! Excellent packaging by Vermiform! (Markstein)
Rorschach / 305 Haywood Dr. / Paramus, NJ 07652 / Vermiform / Box 1145 Cooper Sta. / New York, NY 10276

SCRAPS "Wrapped Up in This Society" LP
Raw, high speed thrash of the variety that was common in 83-85 but is now only played by "New York Style" hardcore bands. howling vocals and lots of shout-along choruses. Lyrics deal with a variety of political topics from ecology to sexism, as well as some more personal viewpoints. Comes with a booklet which has all the lyrics in French as well as English. These guys even circle the A in their name - cool as shit - punk as fuck! Watch out for these guys. 4 punk points. (Felix)
Be Yourself Records c/o Ghilain / Postbus 24 / 8620 Nieuport / Belgium

SCREAM EP
Is Scream to become the next Faith No More? Now, Scream has tried nearly everything in the explore and create department and they've been pumping out numerous releases underground for a decade; always something new; and all credit is due to them for it, but for some reason, with each new release, I like their progression less. This release doesn't exactly grab me, but the song on side B ("Land Torn Down") definitely stands out. They've moved to a fairly solid rock sound now. All in all, it's not a bad production, and if you like Scream, you won't be disappointed with this. (Hyzenthlay)
Old World Records/ Jagerstr. 19/ 3150 Peine/ W.Germany

THE SCREW "Screw Amerika" 7" EP
Loud and blasting punk rock. Reminds me of early 80's punk like FREEZE and KRAUT with a dash of MDC for flavor, but not played too fast. Lyrics deal with Native American rights (as does a flyer insert) and personal issue (25¢ from each record goes to the Big Mountain Defense Fund). (Felix)
$3 from Rally Round Records / P.O. Box 1022 / Lyons, CO 80540

SEA MONKEYS/APOPLEXY split EP
To my surprise, SEA MONKEYS were a band from Oregon that used to play all-out thrash like old NAPALM DEATH. They've broken up since and this bad recording doesn't do them much justice. Noiseheads will be into it regardless. Their lyrics are sort of off the wall. APOPLEXY are from Germany and play some pretty speedy noise music off the sort you would expect on a Pathological Records compilation; very discordiant with sarcastic lyrics. This DIY release has a cool full-color sleeve and may be sold out by now.
Extune c/o Horst Glatz / Silberne-Fischgasse 16 / 8400 Gegensburg / Germany

SHIT "Time to Think" EP
When I first put this on I thought these guys were trying to play too fast, then I realized it was on the wrong speed, what a relief! Not that SHIT lack speed or power but it's not over the top. I don't know if it's because of the ELECTRO HIPPIES T-shirt on the cover but I can't help but make comparisons with that late, great band. This certainly has the rawness and the awareness of the ELECTRO HIPPIES. And any band that denounces violence at gigs gets the full thumbs up from me. Well worth listening to. (D-Fekt)
TnTnR c/o Mattias Weigand / Dresdenersraße 30 / 5400 Koblenz / Germany

S.O.B. "Whats the Truth?"LP
Raging in hell blazing thrash onslaught that will unfreeze frozen pipes, and drive small pets crazy, (even big pets, my dog went insane) crucial. 4 punk points. (Felix)

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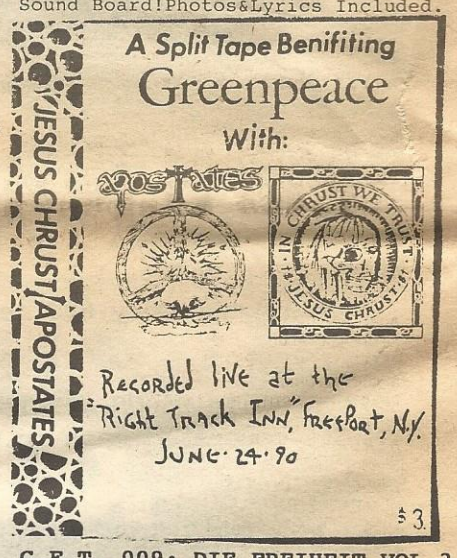

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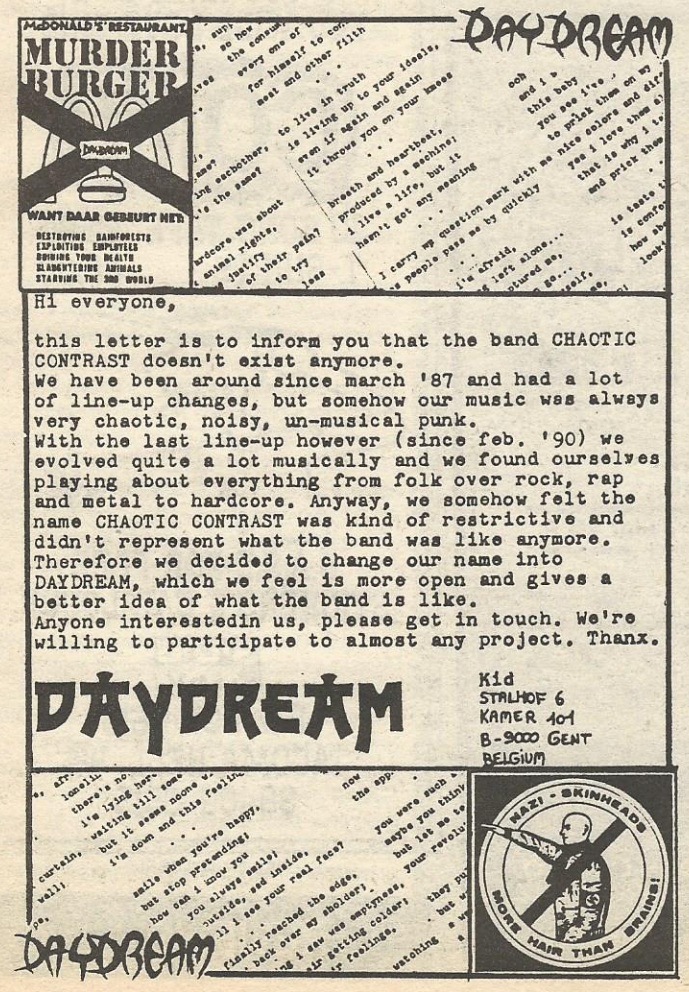

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STATE OF MIND "Mass Persecution" Cass.
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CHANNEL 83 RECORDS, MPLS. MN.

2000 DIRTY SQUATTERS- "Squat the Lot" LP
This is a pretty impressive release. One of very few true international punk traveller bands (meaning that they live in busses and trucks) in Europe. They formed in a London squat and later picked up/pulled in a couple of Italian guitarists and a bassist from Basque and now base themselves where the Berlin wall used to stand - sort of squatting "no man's land"! They're of an anti-authoritarian, D.I.Y. stance and have quite a unique sound - containing within it a few jokingly demonic sounds. ha! I also can't help but say the first song sounds like old Killing Joke. A worthwhile release! (Hyzen.)
2000 D.S. c/o Cultur Reflex Centrale/ Ratiborstr. 1/ 1000 Berlin 36/ W. Germany

V/A "Die Freiheit Vol. 3" cassette
Another great compilation tape here featuring a lot of lesser known, but well worth knowing, bands from around the world. Styles range from ass-kicking thrash to '77-ish punk, but more leaning towards the hardcore thrash vein. Honest to say, INSURGENCE was the band that really got my attention. Other good stuff by RESIST, SEDITION, NUNCA MAS and more. The sleeve of this has is a cool fold-out and has lots of information on Greenpeace and an environmental factsheet. More compilation cassettes should be put together to this standard.
Greenearth Tapes c/o Pedro Seabra / 96B Frederick St. Carteret, NJ 07008

V/A "Eat My Brain Go Insane - Swedish Extravaganza" LP
Classic unreleased (so far as I know) tracks from ASOCIAL, ANTI-CIMEX, MOB 47 and BEDRÖVLERS. Absolute blazing, high-speed, thrashing Swedish hardcore from the early 80's. I think these are all demos or 7"s that were never pressed. In any case this is some prime Swedish thrash; I recommend it.
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Unite & Fight! / 8920 Ryan CT. / Wakhow, NC 28173

V/A- "Hope" cassette
This is a great comp. tape with profits going to Food Not Bombs (an excellent organization). The bands are really good too. Included are MEDIA CHILDREN, GO!, JUNGLE FISH, ROARSCHACH and 4 more. Definitely a tape to get. 25 disco points. (glitter)
Michael / 550 Pinewood Dr. / Pendleton, SC 29670

V/A 7" with OPEN zine IV
One song each from GEKO, who play spooky, tripped out tribal music with female vocals suggesting a darker, haunting SOUIXSIE & THE BANSHEES, EDGEWISE, who bust forward with a straight-edge hardcore blast about (you guessed it) betrayed friendship, 23 MORE MINUTES, who play speedy cowpunk with a tune about "The Cowboy Code" which is a pretty cool wild west tale and is definitely a departure from normal lyrics, and finally ADMIRAL, who play pulsating emotional post-hardcore in the D.C. style. A cool and varied sampler. 2 1/2 punk points (Felix)
$3 ppd. from P.O. Box 482 / Paoli, PA 19301

V/A-"More Songs About Plants and Trees" 7" ep
One song each by CRINGER, LOOKOUTS, ANTI-SCHISM, and Noo Yawks Mighty NAWZEEUH. This is a theme record about deforestation, and the poster sleeve lists addresses of environmental organizations. The NAUSEA and A-SCHISM songs kick booty! 4 1/2 punk points (Felix)
Allied Recordings / P.O. Box 460683 / San Francisco, CA 78365

V/A "No Blood for Oil / Stop Racial Hatred" cassette
A pretty good DIY effort here, this cassette is aimed against the current Oil War and ties in racism, sexism, and homophobia, too. Music-wise there's three Southern Cal bands, RESIST AND EXIST, ADS, and TOTAL CHAOS. Side two, however, is phone interviews with random people about the war, demos and interviews. Comes with a booklet. (Newt)
O.C. Peace Punks / P.O. Box 6188 / Fullerton, CA 92634

V/A- Old World Sampler 7" EP
4 bands from the Old World label are featured on this EP. 3 of them from the US and the other from Holland. To start is a song from CRY OF TERROR about the systems use of mental institutions. They have a good sound with that touch of added distortion on guitars. Second is sort of a mid-west cow punk (for lack of better description) sounding song from WIND OF CHANGE. Side B contains a song from DIRGE which is also on their LP, and the last song is a great track from CONSPIRACY OF EQUALS about the walls we build up around ourselves. A good taste of what's being put out by this up and coming German label. (Hyzenthlay)
Old World Records/ Jagerstr. 19/ 3150 Peine/ W. Germany

V/A "Powerless" cassette
Not too shabby of a comp; includes CITIZEN FISH, SANITY ASSASSINS and more. Good packaging, too. (Newt)
Black Plastic Records / 3030 W 46th Ave. / Denver, CO 80211

V/A-"Squat or Rot II"
Another Crucial release, featuring some of the best NY area HC bands one song each from Jesus Chrust, Yuppiecide, Apostates, Malachi Crunch, and Insurgence comes with an info packed booklet. Recommended. 4 1/2 punk points (Felix)
SOR/P.O.Box20012/Tompkins Sq. Station/New York City, NY 10009

V/A "Zooid #1" LP
Zooid is a dedicated new DIY music collective from Holland. The bands featured on this LP have varying sounds of great range from Disorder meets Napalm Death (NjettRock) to No Means No (Mental Diarrhoea), and several different political views are represented. Other noteworthy bands on this compilation are the almighty Anarcrust and Cry of Terror. Text is mostly in English but also in Dutch, and a second release is already in the works I beleive. Good! (Hyzenthlay)
$9 to: PO Box 5134/ 3502 JC Utrecht/ Netherlands

VILLAGE PEOPLE "Renaissance" LP
This record is from 1981, but I just got it last week. It's very weak compared to earlier releases. The band seems to take on a more artsy approach without the costumes and more makeup. The music just isn't the same. I recommend older stuff much more. 5 disco points. (glitter)
Cant stop productions /66 E. 55th St. / NY,NY 10022

WHIPPED "Sunny Side Up" Cassette
This is a cool, hardcore sounding tape. Has mixed male/female vocals. Good lyrics, mostly personal. I really like the song "Scream" which deals with a females point of view on mens' oppressive behavior towards them. Good tape. (glitter)
Whipped / 1017 E. Harrison #104/ Seattle,WA 98102

WIND OF CHANGE "Retrospect" LP
Most of this I thought was just mediocre mid-tempo emotional hardcore. The whole package; layout/production, is pretty basic and simple, but they do simplicity well, and sometimes things are better left this way anyway. I couldn't really make any kind of comparisons as they sound like lots of everything that's been done before. Maybe a small leaning towards Political Asylum or Visions of Change's sound though. Not bad. (Hyzen.)
Old World Records/ Jagerstr. 19/ 3150 Peine/ W. Germany

WORD MADE FLESH EP
Theres 5 songs on this release form squat or rot, including a jammin' instrumental. Jae (ex-APPLE) provides great vocals as usual. The songs have a noticeable hardcore edge to them but never get boring or fall into a particular category. This is a great release. Look for more! (glitter)
Squat or Rot records /Tompkins Sq. station / p.o. box 20012 / NY,NY 10009

ZOMBIE TERORISTS "The American Way" cassette
7 new songs here. Kinda crusty. Its not really my bag, but its not too bad. The highlight is the cheesy Prince cover. Their lyrics are good and the booklet sent along is really great reading. (glitter)
ZOMBIE TERRORISTS / P.O. Box 114 / Mt. Orab,OH 45154 $3 ppd.

LITERATURE REVIEWS

ALIEN RELAY #3 / 50¢ ppd.
Offset - 18 pages
Art, poetry, fiction and morbid bits of news focusing on humanity's darker side. also reviews, part 2 of a story by H.P. Lovecraft and an article on Abo al-Hazared "The Mad Arab"; spooky...makes me want to listen to SAMAIN. 2 1/3 punk points. (Felix)
Jake / 38317 Sunset Dr. / Ocon., WI 53066

ALTERNATIVE #5/$6 ppd.
51/2 x 81/2 - offset - 164 pages
Heres a fucking cool zine. Its got everything you'll ever need to read. Includes interviews with PLEASANT VALLEY CHILDREN, OI POLLOI, INDIAN DREAM, etc,etc. Also includes Food not Bombs, animal rights info, a small guide to wild plants and too much more to mention. Its great! Get yours today. (glitter)
Resistance Productions / P.O. Box 426/8026 Zurich/Switzerland

ALTERNATIVE VOICE #5 / $1 ppd (cash or stamps)
8 1/2" x 11" - offset - 8 pages
Happenings of the Arizona alternative scene with a special focus on free/pirate radio stations. It's short but reads like the news on "Saturday Night Live." A "grade A" publication!
Box 105 / 1020 W. 1st St. / Tempe, AZ 85281

ANARCHY; A JOURNAL OF DESIRE ARMED #27 / $2 ppd.
11" x 17" - newsprint - 36 pages
As usual, an impressive tabloid, smartly laid out, documenting and furnishing a resource for the various anarchist communities. Regular features include a news round up of anarcho-events, anarchist and other alternative press reviews, and a letters section that reads more like a "who dunnit?" novel (we here at the collective have made up a score-card for who's slagging off who in the anarchist scene these days). This issue is dedicated to youth, children and children's issues.
C.A.L. / P.O. Box 1446 / Columbia, MO 65205-1446

THE AXE #2 / $1 ppd.
7" x 8 1/2" - copied - 28 pages
An anarcho zine with a heavy emphasis on liberation politics. Articles on the proposed federal gulag in Florence, Colorado, the plight of West-African wimmin, anti-authoritarian graphics and poetry of various sorts, wimmin and AIDS, and more. A little rough in production but maximum intensity.
1715 1/2 18th / Seattle, WA 98122

BEN IS DEAD #10 / $2 ppd.
8 x 10 " - newsprint - 40 pages
Lame pseudo-Flipside that covers the pretentious Sub-Pop/Glam punk scene. It just ain't my thing,oh well, It is very nicely laid out,with decent interviews and alright artwork, so I'm sure it will appeal to someone else's senses. Credit towards the efforts of putting together well and being D.I.Y. as well.
P.O. Box 3166 / Hollywood, CA 90028

BLIND AMBITION #4 -
11 1/2 x 81/2 - copied - 22 pages
This issue is over a half a year old but still worthy of review. In it, there seems to be a focusing on the Sydney area with pieces on local activity, police brutality (who protects US from THEM?) deep ecology, and contains a couple of good vegan recipes. Interviewed is Conflict, Dawn of Liberty, and Pink Turds in Space. It lacks just a little bit of substance but makes for good short and to the point reading. I see this project as having a high potential and look forward to seeing future issues. (Maybe they'll interview Kylie Minogue or Jason Donnovan - ha ha!!) (hyzenthlay)
B.A. c/o PO Box 259/ Darlinghurst 2010/ New South Wales/ Australia

BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP #5 / $2.00ppd
5 1/2 x 11 - copied - 24 pages
B.O.F. is a pretty witty zine from Belgium; included in this package is a dart board with mainstream figures and a voodoo "doll" with Thatcher on one side and Bush on the other (complete with a pin!). There's lots of info in the zine, too, including a section on Belgium fanzines. (Newt)
Leeuw Van Vlaanderenlaan / 2950 Kapellen / Belgium

BOX A PHOTOZINE / $1 ppd.
8 1/2" x 11" - offset - 24 pages
Editors of GROT, WRONG CONCLUSION, and WAY COOL zines pool together their photographic endeavors, along with a little outside help, to bring forth a high quality photo zine featuring numerous East Coast hardcore favorites and even a few from farther west. Good printing on thick paper.
Jim Testa / 151 1st Ave. / Box A / New York, NY 10003

BRAIN SNOT #2 / $1.00ppd worldwide
5 1/2 x 7 - copied - 16 pages
BRAIN SNOT is an underground FACT SHEET FIVE of sorts. The editor reviews all sorts of zines in his own style, and even prints the covers of a select few. Nothing really new or outstanding, but a good way to get your zine's name around. (Newt)
603 Toby Ln. / Conroe, TX 77301 / USA

CHAOTIC PEACE #3 / $1.00ppd
8 1/2 x 11 - copied - 18 pages
CHAOTIC PEACE interviews some bands I'm not too familier with (besides HOLOCAUST). Also included are lots of reviews and poems but I've got to admit...although this is a pretty good D.I.Y. effort, screw this handwritten mess; the editor should improve in the handwriting department or get a typewriter! (Newt)
1209 Cheyenne Ct. / Boulder City, Nev. 89005

CHAOTIK WORLD #19 / No price listed
8 1/2 x 11 - copied - 22 pages
A pretty simple zine, CHAOTIK WORLD has interviews with POLLUTION CIRCUS and Bob Black, plus various opinions and articles. A fair amount to read; no cover price, though. (Newt)
TESC / Bldg. D / Room 106 / Olympia, WA 98505

COMETBUS #25 / 50 cents
5 1/2 x 8 1/2 - copied - 34 pages
This is a really cool zine! But it just ain't a regular zine, it's a journal on urban living at it's finest. This issue is on Minneapolis,since the editor/ writer was out here for awhile. This issue includes places to go,interviews with various and random(?) locals,bridge reviews(yeeaah!), as well as some really cool photos deoicting not so daily life here in the CHAOS wastes of MPLS. All round it's fuckin great!
P.O. BOX 4726/ Berkeley,CA 94704

CORPORATE STATE #1 / $1
5 1/2" x 8 1/2" - copied - 18 pages
Compiled in INDONESIA and printed here in the U.S. takes the claim to being the first zine to come out of Indonesia! It pretty much contains reprints of flyers and news clippings, not to forget there is also original stuff inside too. The usual graphics,art, and written article/column's. There is a strong autonomous theme that runs through the zine as it discusses the possibilities of revolution,world wide. Very cool,especially the cover art!
Rachel R/ 202 Drum Hill Road / Wilton, CT 06897

CRUSTY FANZINE #1 / two stamps
8 1/2 x 11 - copied - 14 pages
Definitely not a crustcore zine; CRUSTY FANZINE features mostly "poppier" bands such as INSPECTOR 12. Not a bad first effort, though. Seems to be lots of activity in Wisconsin lately. (Newt)
5045 Piccadilly / Madison, WI 53714

DEAR JESUS #37 / $3 ppd (?)
8 1/2" x 11" - offset - 24 pages
Mike Bullshit, Seth Tobocman, (German) reunification, SUPERTOUCH, MRR, reviews and ABC-No-Rio news, plus a healthy dose of reviews and other bits. The interviews are great, some serious,

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DISCORDER #95 / $15 subscription
11 x 14 - newsprint - 36 pages
This zines got interviews with Lemonheads, Dickless, and Skinyard. This seems a little mainstream for my tastes, maybe its intended for a more college orientated crowd. The best feature is the review of the Halloween show featuring the VILLAGE PEOPLE. 5 disco points. (glitter)
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DREGS #3 / $2.00ppd
5 1/2 x 8 1/2 - copied - 40 pages
DREGS is and unusual zine. Articles pertain mostly to sex - there's even an article on penis weight training. Interviews with CONFLICT, JOYCE McKINNEY EXP. and FUGAZI, who are asked mostly questions about weathermen. A very unusual zine... (Newt)
P.O. Box 110 / Liverpool L69 8DP / England

ENDLESS RESISTANCE #2 - $1ppd. - 8 1/2 x 11 - copied - 20 pages
From the editors of Highschool is a Wasteland, this is a fanzine of combined politics (not any particular or rigid ideology but of obvious anti-authoritarian stance) and keeps us in touch with the music scene - a lot of local information too which I like, however I hate to say that this particular issue contains some very foolish ideas/ questionable/ semi-shady politics such as the idea that hunting keeps nature in balance (which could be compared to the work ethic creating the need for the cycle of slave labor, etc.) and that wimmin within the family structure (or elsewhere for that matter) have a separatist secret coded language - ah yes, it's a plot against all you men out there- hahaha!! This issue should provoke some good letters challenging some of these ideas which I also think is a completely good and healthy thing. On a positive end note, there is an excellent interview with one of my favorite bands Apocalypse - and now I better end this before (who?) gets mad at my overlengthyness (what)!! (Hyz.)
E.R/ 9325 Garrison Way/ Eden Prairie, Mn./ 55347

ENVISION LIFE #4 / free
11 x 17 - offset - 2 pages
ENVISION LIFE is mainly a medium for the publisher to get his thoughts and ideas out to many people. Side one is a graphic poster, while side two is thoughts and contact lists. Interesting. (Newt)
No address / St. Louis, MO

EXCESS #2 / $1.00ppd
8 1/2 x 11 - offset - 24 pages
Quite an interesting publication...EXCESS seems to have a personality of its own with some pretty strict anti-religious, anti-homophobia and anti-sexism views (all encompassed into one quite shocking cover). Good interesting interviews with SWIZ and NEUROSIS, as well as some others. Nice. (Newt)
Mitchell Hall Room 523 / 514 19th St. NW / Washington, DC 20006

THE FANZINE THAT-HAD-NO-NAME vol. 4 #1 / free
5 1/2 x 8 1/2 - offset - 24 pages
Free zines don't get any better than this... Good interviews (CRINGER and PLAID RETINA), nice layout, personal feel, lots o' info, and even round corners. Worth at least a dollar, if not more. (Newt)
1693 Fraceschi Rd. / Santa Barbara, CA 931031

GOTHIC #2 / $1.25ppd
8 1/2 x 11 - copied - 40 pages
GOTHIC is a pretty D.I.Y. and thick zine, with some strict views on animal rights. However, the musical content leans toward major label material with interviews with SOCIAL DISTORTION and reviews of mostly major label records. Not a bad zine, though; I really enjoyed all the material on animal rights, including the exchange in letters between the editor and Senator Bill Bradley. (Newt)
13 Chippewa / Browns Mills, NJ 08015

GREEN BRIGADES #2
5 1/2" x 4 1/2" - offset - 20 pages
A remarkable newsletter from Poland which covers in-depth on Poland's unfolding environmental crisis. It contains articles on specific environmental problems such as polluting factories, etc. It also has a list of major polluters in Poland, reports on Environmental actions, and more. It's published in Poland but you can't send any money there because it will get stolen. You can send money to Foundation For the Environmental Contact in Poland / P.O. Box 5627 / N.L. 1007 AP Amsterdam / Netherlands. Or you can write to the editors at The Faculty of Chemistry of the Jagielconian University / Karasia 3/100 / 20/060 Krakow, Poland.

THE HAPPY THRASHER #11-12 / $1.00ppd
8 1/2 x 11 - copied - 28 pages
Two memorable issues in a row; issue number eleven has a pretty good CHUMBAWAMBA interview (complete with Tin-Ear's drunkeness) while issue twelve news clippings with Tin-Ear's opinions in the margin are quite amusing. Good. (Newt)
859 S. Barnett Ave. / Anaslime, CA 92805-5408

MAXIMUMROCKNROLL #92 / $2.50 ppd.
8 1/2" x 11" - newsprint - 128 pages
It's been said that our reviews of MRR have been a little harsh. It seems that the DIY spirit still exists, with a lot of the content is made up by the readers, but it also seems those in S.F. are not being very representative of their readership... the fact that this is the third issue in a row with a Sub-Pop band being the most prominently featured should point this out well. Still a valuable tool for the readers and people involved with the underground scene and it always seems worth the cover price.
P.O. Box 288 / Berkeley, CA 94701

MAXIMUMROCKNROLL #93 / $2.50 ppd
8 1/4 x 10 3/4 - newsprint - 128 pages
Twelve pages of CHUMBAWAMBA in this issue and great CHUMBA graphics to go along. The usual material is all here, too. Still one of the best...(Newt)
P.O. Box 288 / Berkeley, CA 94701

MICKEY"S PINK BUTTHOLE #1 / FREE
7" x 8 1/2" - copied - 10 pages
Printed on pink paper even, this zine takes a look at the politics of sex. It's really informative going over the topic of wimmins' reproductive rights, birth control effectiveness(various methods and which "works" best), an article on gender discrimination ,and a bit more. It's well worth the time and stamp to get it!
P.O. BOX 53 / Bloomington, IN 47402

MUSTARD GAS #1 / Free
8 1/2" x 11" - copied - 4 pages
First effort from the Fifth Green crew (I swear all of them are 13 or 14 judging from the staff photo) contains an interview with CRISIS UNDER CONTROL and opinions on the Gulf Situation and liberty, as well as a barely legible comic. It's free so what the fuck? 2 punk points.
8680 The Fifth Green / Atlanta, GA 30350

NADA #2 / ??
8 1/2" x 11" - copied - 40 pages
Another excellent anarcho-punk zine from New Zealand. Interviews with E.N.T., GORE STORY, BOMB EVERYTHING, HEATHEN FILTH, plus photos, reviews and some interesting articles taken out of GREEN ANARCHIST. One thing I admire about New Zealand zines is their dedication to coverage of protest/action news, boycott info and "scene" news - this one is no exception. This is quite big so send a more than a couple bucks for this excellent zine to:
NADA c/o Rhett & Other / 57 Princes St. / Cambridge, New Zealand

NEGATIVE #1 / $1 ppd
8 1/2 x 11 - copied - 13 pages
Political and anarchistic thoughts and graphics on the Gulf Crisis make up the majority of NEGATIVE (what's so "negative" about anarchism?). This is printed on some really weird paper; looks almost like fax paper. Should consolidate the amount of paper used (try printing on both sides of the paper!). (Newt)
4508 Stone Crest Dr. / Elliott City, MD 21043

OUR TURN #1 / I wouldn't buy it
8 1/2 x 11 - copied - 28 pages
Why is it now that the Straight-edge / youth crews are dead over in the States that it is starting to spring up in Europe? OUR TURN is full of shitty straight-edge bands with X's on their hands talking about how straight they are. (Newt)
Peter Amdam / Skovveien 39 a / N-0258 Oslo 2 / Norway

POINT BLANK #2 / 50¢ ppd. (?)
7" x 8 1/2" - copied - 20 pages
Interviews with HELLNATION and EXIT 13 as well as diverse opinion columns. This sort of has a small town feel, but hey, I take it for granted we live in sprawling metropolis (I mean sewer). There's lots of reader's participation in this zine. I could see it evolving into something big if they continue.
P.O. Box 114 / Mt. Orab, OH 45154

POINT OF INTEREST #1 / $2.00ppd
8 1/2 x 11 - offset - 32 pages
A pretty decent first issue here, even though there's numerous typos and errors. Interviews with MEDIA CHILDREN, HOLLY ROLLERS and more, plus poetry, graphics and reviews. The style reminds me of Dischord / D.C.-ish. Pretty interesting. (Newt)
P.O. Box 19416 / Seattle, WA 98109

POISON PLANET #3 / $3.00ppd
8 1/2 x 11 - copied - 20 pages
POISON PLANET is jam packed full of crust, death metal and hardcore, with over twenty band interviews. Also included is art, politics and about 280 record and zine reviews. Pack o' plenty! (Newt)
711 1/2 E. Grove / Bloomington, IL 61701

PUNK PALS #12 / 2 stamps or 3 I.R.C.'s
5 1/2 x 8 1/2 - copied - 14 pages
And it continues to collect and compile the names and addresses of people who would like to correspond with other people, as I found more than just "punks" listed in this directory of persons. Which is all the better. In this issue a total of 55 individuals have been listed. Three of these individuals have "Spider" in their name and two people from Europe are in there too.
ROBERT BROWN / P.O. Box 13391 / Berkeley, CA 94701

PUNK PALS #13 / 2 stamps
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Same as above. To be listed send your name, address, list of fave bands (up to 24) and a general comment (up to 90 words). Send $1 with your listing and you'll get the copy you're printed in. It shouldn't take long before people write to you or you can start writing to people because it comes out every month!
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PUNK PALS #14 / 2 29¢ stamps
5 1/2 x 8 1/2 - copied - 20 pages
Considering there are three reviews of PUNK PALS in this issue of P.E., looks like you should go ahead and send in your two stamps for an issue, eh? (Newt)
P.O. Box 13391 / Berkeley, CA 94701

REALITY SANDWICH (worth a years pay) #1
offset - 30 pages
This is a compilation of material from the productive REALITY SANDWICH newsletter. this well-done publication which consists of humorous, yet real looking and sounding news stories which point to problems in government and society, while being ludicrously humorous, for instance; "Bush Freaks Out On Drugs", "Jesse Helms Arrested", "Bush Eats Broccoli and Enjoys It", "Coin-op abortions Cause Outrage", comix silly ad spoofs, etc. This is real cultural terrorism in action - it will fuck with your head. Fans of situationalist graffiti and adalterations like Anti-Authoritarians Anonymous will dig this too.

REALITY SANDWICH #13
Offset - 18 pages
More of the same intellectual terrorism. contains stabs at the gulf crisis and Buck cigarettes. Twisted.
P.O. Box 2092 / Baltimore, MD 21203

RESPECT? #1 / 30P or $1.00ppd
5 1/2 x 8 1/2 - offset - 32 pages
RESPECT? is a UK zine devoted to stopping sexism, pedantically in punk rock. Lots of articles on the subject, including a sexism survey and an interview with SOFA HEAD on sexism. A neat 'zine; I wish this kind of publication would appear in the States. (Newt)
P.O. Box 24 / Hertford / Herts SG143TZ / England

THE SHADOW #14-15 / $2 ppd.
Tabloid - newsprint - 20 pages
The impressive newspaper covering events of the Lower East Side and resistance in New York City in general, as well as bringing together quite an essential news round-up of global events, particularly concerning the squatter's movement - #14 reports of NY squats, war resistance and more - #15 has more on squats (reports on Berlin and Central America in this issue) while the main idea in this issue is "War", what it means and how it's being resisted with some great coverage of New York City actions. There's the usual "Cop Watch" feature and other general L.E.S. information. Also some great artwork by Seth Tobocman, among others.
Shadow Press / P.O. Box 20298 / New York, NY 10009

SLASH AND BURN #1 / 1 pound of Tofu
copied - 48 pages
A rad zine from the Chesapeake Anarchist Network / NUNCA MAS crew. Contains interviews with SEPULTURA (thats "ratos de Porao' Justin, not "Rejaste de peron") MEDIA CHILDREN, and BORN AGAINST. Also articles on white power groups and garbage burners in Baltimore, an interesting piece on "humor as a revolutionary force", reviews, Poll Tax Riot excerpts and an article on home brewing. Punk as fuck: 4 punk points. (Felix)
C.A.N. / P.O. Box 38548 / Baltimore, MD 21231

SLUG & LETTUCE #18-19 / S.A.S.E.
8 1/2 x 11 - copied - 4 pages
SLUG & LETTUCE is, by far, one of the best and most consistently good zines around in the U.S. Chris Boarts pictures are the absolute best but I should also mention the extensive (and free) classified section. When a zine like this only cost a S.A.S.E. for each issue, its definitely one to subscribe to. (Newt)
P.O. Box 2067 / Peter Stuyvesant Sta. / NYC, NY 10009-8914

SMUT (Smile) #5 / $2 ppd.
8 1/2" x 11" - offset - 44 pages
The subtitle of "Journal of Illicit Sex and Hardcore Exposure" made me first think this was another weak attempt at another artcore shock zine. Upon further inspection, however, I found myself pleasantly surprized. Mostly "political" subjects covered here with some too-often ignored subjects being brought up such as child sex, sexual freedom, and more, all discussed in a very intelligent manner. Also articles on the American prison system, animal rights and more. They advocate abolishing capitalism in favor of nomadic living.
Box 3502 / Madison, WI 53704

S.O.S. SUBSTITUTE #1 / FREE
5 1/2" x 8 1/2" - copied - 18 pages
It's a zine, like most zines, average.Which is cool. Inside was an interview with SHUDDER TO THINK, articles/news on the Mohawk resistance and the whole Indian Treaty Rights issue,consumer tips on corporations that are fucked and what products they market,as well as very interesting art work.
513 Prairie / Downers Grove ,IL 60515

STORM WARNING #17 / $1
5 1/2" x 8 1/2" - offset - 32 pages
A zine of G.I. resistance put out by the Vietnam Veterans Against the War Anti-Imperialist. Articles on soldiers who have refused to fight in the Gulf War, with communiques by Jeff Paterson amongst others. Articles on the gulf war and U.S. imperialist policies. A good resource.
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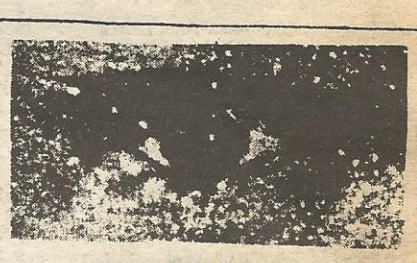

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FROM THE MINNEAPOLIS CREW

While busy increasing the pressure on the state here in the Twin Cities over recent months, we've been receiving a lot of interest from all over the world regarding A.Y.F. activities. With this new increase of interest in the A.Y.F., and especially with the massive increase in A.Y.F. affiliate activity, we have been printing and sending out enormous quantities of printed material, from informational pamphlets to distribution catalogs to A.Y.F. group starter kits. However, this has resulted in us spending the entire sum of our coffers raised through the distribution over the past six months to keep up with the increased flow of information. We fund our activities completely through the sales from A.Y.F. Distribution, as well as from generous donations, including a large amount of pamphlets printed with a donation from the Profane Existence Collective, who also donate this page in each issue of Profane Existence. Any donations, stamps, etc. would be greatly appreciated to keep our activities moving onward. We hope, if we can raise enough funds, to reprint the complete "Short History of Anarchism" series as a pamphlet sometime this year.

STARTER KITS

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Organizing anarchist activities has taken on a new meaning as anarchists unite with other anarchists as well as other groups protesting the Oil War. As a federation of groups we advocate organizing but we wish to stress that each group, affiliate or individual in the A.Y.F., or anywhere for that matter, has the ultimate judgement on how to organize, who to partake activities with, and what these shall be. We advocate orchestrated actions by several people or groups, but we stress that each group or person has the ultimate authority to make his or her own judgements. It is this kind of autonomy, we feel, that is needed for strong anarchist resistance to the war and the state.

With that in mind, we warn of others trying to make decisions for you. This includes "peace police" telling you what you can and cannot do at actions, martials herding you along a march route like sheep, or even others within our movement making decisions on what you can or cannot do. We can work with other groups and individuals, but on an equal basis only. If we are to smash the system and it's dominance, then we have to smash the fundamental system of dominance and coercion that upholds it. Don't follow orders. Don't listen to others commands, Don't be a sheep. Oppose all authority except one's self.

"...Next time, we should come better prepared (more paint bombs, since we ran out at the Treasury, better projectiles, especially since you can't always get them underway, maybe something flammable too) and more resolute when breaking off from the main group..." *Love And Rage* report on January 26 D.C. march.

We found this particularly amusing that they suggest bringing flammables to the next march when, at a Love and Rage sponsored organizing meeting earlier in the day, it was decided that people who had brought Molotov Cocktails should not be allowed to bring them. Against objection by the sole A.Y.F. representative, the group successfully coerced those with Molotovs to destroy them before the march. This sort of authoritarianism has no place in our movement we felt compelled to comment on this hypocrisy. Make your own judgements - **FUCK AUTHORITY!**

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U.$.A.

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At 924 Gilman St. (shows start at 8:00pm and are $5.00):
March 1: ACME SHOWCASE with Hoi Polloi, Half Head Special, A Different Kitchen, The Hemilayans, The Mighty Bushmans
March 2: VERY SMALL RECORDS Showcase with Econochrist, Plaid Retina, Nuisance, 23 More Minutes, Shlong
March 8: The Stains, Gargoyles, Assassins of God
March 9: The Detonators, Mr. T Experience, Creamers, Glycine Max, Corrupted Ideals
March 15: Neurosis, The Offspring, Citizen Fish, Cringer, The Rudiments
March 16: SKANK -N- PICKLE SHOW
March 17: Naked Raygun, The Dred
March 22: Spit Boy, Kai Kln, Grimace, Jungle Fish
March 29: NOFX, No Use For A Name, Corrupted Morals, The Screw
March 30: Samiam, Jawbox, Mummies, PTL, Scharzo
April 6: Ill Repute, Happy World, X-O Toxins, Vicious Midgets, Blast!, Big Drill Car
April 12: MDC, Verbal Abuse, Blisters, Spit Boy, Green Day

Boston, MA:
At The Channel Club (shows start at 2:00pm):
March 7: Fugazi, Eye For An Eye, 7 League Boots
March 24: Napalm Death, Godflesh, Nocturnus, Nausea
At Bunrattys (shows start at 2:00pm):
March 9: Quicksand, Crawlpappy
Also,
April 7: Moral Crux

Dallas, TX:
At Club To Death:
April 27: Moral Crux

Fayetteville, AR:
At Studio 225:
April 21: Moral Crux

Green Bay, WIS:
At Kuktsa Hall:
March 29: Moral Crux

Houston, TX:
At The Axiom:
April 26: Moral Crux

Little Rock, AR:
At Vino's:
March 2: Bad Mutha Goose
March 20: Moral Crux

Madison, WIS:
At New Loft:
March 30: Moral Crux

Merhphis, TN:
At The Antenna (shows start at 7:00pm):
March 9: Naked Raygun, Jawbox, Sobering Consequences
March 16: Ultraman, Substance
March 29: 24-7 Spyz, Cruel Injustice
March 31: Plaid Retina, Engage
April 6: 8-Bark, Trusty
April 13: Butthole Surfers, Sobering Consequences
April 19: Moral Crux, Sobering Consequences

Minneapolis, MN:
At The 1st Avenue and 7th Street Entry:
March 17: Helmet 7:00pm
March 24: Moral Crux, Destroy!, Smut
Revolutionary Anarchist Bowling League:
June 29-July 1: LOVE AND RAGE ORGANIZING CONFERENCE (write to RABL / P.O. Box 10854 / Minneapolis, MN 55458-3854 for more info)

New Haven, CT:
At The Moon:
April 8: Moral Crux

New York City, NY:
At ABC-NO-RIO (all shows at 3:00pm and are $5.00):
March 2: Antischism (SC), 5TH Column (Canada), Big Nurse (NJ), Fire Sale (MI)
March 9: Admiral (PA), All Fall Down, Freakbeans (DC), 8-Ball (PA)
March 16: Citizen's Arrest, No Escape, Intent, Mental Floss
March 23: Puzzlehead, Upper Hand (PA), Just Cause
March 30: FOOD AS BOMB BENEFIT with Bug Out Society, The Wussies, Wax, Gunk
April 6: ANIMAL RIGHTS BENEFIT with Rorschach, Affirmitive Action, Device (VA), Nothing Much (MA)
April 13: Moral Crux, Hammerbrain, Hellavator...more
April 20: Citizen's Fish, Cringer, Born Against, Huasipungo

Panmona, CA:
At The Scream:
March 16: Citizen Fish, Cringer, The Offspring, Neurosis, Media Children

Pensecola, FL:
At the Night Owl:
April 24: Moral Crux

Providence, RI:
April 6: Moral Crux

Rochester, NY:
At Backstreets:
April 11: Moral Crux

Steven's Point, WIS:
At Mojo's:
March 31: Moral Crux

Tempe, AZ:
At The Sun Club:
May 2: Moral Crux

Washington, D.C.:
At D.C. Space:
April 15: Moral Crux

CANADA

Calgary, Alberta:
March 10: Moral Crux

Edmonton, Alberta:
March 12-14: Moral Crux

Montreal, QUE:
April 5: Moral Crux

Ottawa, ONT:
April 3: Moral Crux
Youth Liberation Network:
August 9-12: Youth Liberation Gathering (see A.Y.F. page for more info)

Quebec City, Quebec:
April 4: Moral Crux

Regina:
March 16-17: Moral Crux

Saskatoon:
March 15: Moral Crux

Thunder Bay, ONT:
March 21-23: Moral Crux

Toronto, ONT:
April 2: Moral Crux

Vancouver, BC:
At Club Soda:
March 5: Moral Crux

Winnapeg, Manatoba:
March 18-19: Moral Crux

ENGLAND

London:
Class War:
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TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE

Greetings all from River Falls, WI. As usual, not much is happening. I've been working with the student environmental group here on the college campus. If there are other isolated anarchists out there wondering what to do, I've got a suggestion. Get involved with any and all progressive forces/action and bring and anarchist perspective to them. It may not be much but it's better than nothing. The environmental group recently went to a demo against a proposed open pit copper mine in Ladysmith, Wisconsin. If the mine goes ahead, RTZ will be producing sulfuric acid only 140 feet from the Flambeau River. If there's ever an accident, the who area will be devastated. Not only that, but very few people in the town want the mine, but the city council voted for it against their wishes.

Anyway, there were about 300 people at the demo, which was basically a march through the town. It was a weird mix of rural townspeople, outside activists, Lac du Flambeau tribal members and back-to-nature hippies crawling out of the woodwork. Essentially, the march was organized as a show of solidarity against the mine, and it was pretty quiet and civil, although civil disobedience was earlier mentioned as a possible tactic.

Grow Anarchy in your very own small town

I only have one big criticism of the demo. When two activists climbed a water tower to hang a banner above the RTZ mining HQ a serious rift erupted amongst the demonstrators. some wanted them to come back down, others wanted them to hang it up. As an outside, I felt it was the most appropriate to go with the locals' decision, as it was their town and they had to deal with it. However, a consensus amongst the locals was lacking. One Womyn was really reactionary - she didn't want a copper mine but she didn't want to break any laws ("trespassing" on government property) or anger the police (they were yelling at the activists to come down). On the other hand, one local arguing vociferously with her called the cops stooges of RTZ and said we had to do whatever it takes to stop the mine.

Faced with this situation, I figured the two activists should make up their own minds. Well, they decided to come back down without hanging the banner and were promptly arrested anyway. The cops were total fucks! I yelled at them for a minute or so but everyone else was totally apathetic and I didn't want to end up in a squad car myself, so I stopped.

Anyway, you may be wondering what all this has to do with anarchy. Well, I went to the demo with a shit load of flyers explaining the anarchist perspective and an eco-anarchist attitude towards the Ladysmith situation. I also carried an anarchist flag during the whole demo and talked to a number of people who were either anarchists themselves or shared the anarchist viewpoint, or sympathized with it, including a group of local teenagers. I also met a NAUSEA fan (wahoo!).

Anyway, with blowing my importance out of proportion, I'd like to stress that I think I made a positive contribution towards anarchism, in a way that can be emulated by all isolated anarchists in similar situations. My words of advice are: Get out and educate the people!! It's not as glamorous as firebombing a cop shop, but it's just as important.

Also, if any bands are interested in donating their services to an Amnesty International fund-raiser in River Falls (about 30 minutes from Minneapolis) please write to me.

Finally, let it be known that Western Wisconsin is breeding a new, mutant subculture: hardcore / deadheads - BEWARE!!! That's all for now, correspondence welcomed.

Eat rice, Jon George / 902 Sycamore / River Falls, WI 54022

The proposed RTZ copper mine at Ladysmith is under review by the Wisconsin state Department of Natural Resources. If RTZ receives DNR approval plans for massive direct actions will go in-effect. We will print further news of this as we receive the word.

CLASSIFIED ADS

POINT OF INTEREST zine issue one out now! Interviews with holy rollers, media children, the commonwealth and a person who was arrested for dumpster diving outside a research facility. As well as poetry, graphics, record, tape, and zine reviews. S.E. vs. punk editorial and a call to action. Two dollars post paid U.S. Send checks money orders made out to Jay Ford c/o point of interest p.o. box 19416 Seattle, Wa. Issue two will have interviews with simple machines record label, Troll for Profane Existence, Antischism, and more poetry, articles, graphics, and columns and a letter section.

SHY AND LONELY male seeks correspondence with a female in northern CA. I'm 25, fashionless, a vegetarian, nonsmoker, nondrinker, interested in computers, anarchism, biking, and all music with political meaning and funny lyrics. Robert Brown, 2331 Blake St. #204, Berkeley, CA 94704.

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POINT BLANK! Thoughts, ideas, and points of view, and loads of cool fuckin' interviews. Hey, being a striving new DIY publication, POINT BLANK would like to review your demo or 'zine. Any and all 'zines and/or hardcore/punk/grind/polka bands that would like to be reviewed, send us something! P.B.-POBOX 114, Mt. Orab, OH 45154.

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MORE ZINES

TINY FANZINE #3 / Stamps
81/2 x 11 - offset -12 pages
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TRUST #24 / ???
8 1/2" x 11" - offset - 68 pages
This seems to be the biggest and amongst the best German HC fanzines. Although I can hardly make sense out of the German text, I can figure out we have interviews with D.O.A. BIG CHIEF, C.O.C., FLOWER LEPERDS, MEGA CITY 4, and SHUDDER TO THINK. The layout is always impressive and this zine boast regular features such as European tour dates, band news and one of the most complete sections of reviews and letters. It's good, probably better if you can read German!
Salzmannstr. 53 / 8900 Augsburg / Germany

TURNING THE TIDE
8 1/2" x 11" - copied - 6 pages
Informative bi-monthly newsletter of People Against Racial Terror (PART). Each issue includes news of racist incidents and anti-racist actions, mostly in Southern California. also includes a resource list, letters and debate on issues of the anti-racist movement. I think the editors place a little too much faith in SHARP though. (Felix)
PART / P.O. Box 1990 / Burbank, CA 91507

TWISTED IMAGE #24-25 / $1.00ppd
8 1/2 x 11 - copied - 8 pages
Published by Ace Backwords, TWISTED IMAGE "the zine" provides three pages of his famed Twisted Image cartoons plus about three pages devoted to either letters, articles or whatever Ace chooses. Much more interesting than I had predicted - actually, this is pretty neat and interesting. (Newt)
1630 University Ave. / Apt. 26 / Berkeley, CA 94703

TWISTWORTHY! #1 / 75¢ ppd
5 1/2 x 8 1/2 - copied - 24 pages
A pretty good first effort here, as TWISTWORTHY! interviews mostly established bands such as MUDHONEY and fIREHOSE. But the editor also leaves room for his pictures of JAWBREAKER, INTENT and NO-FX. (Newt)
4030 Cypressdale Dr. / Spring, TX 77388

WORKING CLASS AUTOPSY #4 / $1
5 1/2 x 8 1/2 - newsprint- 30 pages
As usual this takes a look at the socio-political side of things. Well thought out and expressed. Topics covered -Anarchy/ Autonomy,Equality, and Animal Rights and still more.Like a CRINGER interview and a review of CHUMBAWAMBA's show at Gilman St. (Berkeley,CA) this past summer,and the typical record,tape ,and zine reviews. It's quite a zine, one I'd like to see more of.
P.O. BOX 735 / Visalia, CA 93291

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